

June 28, 2004

# CIVIC CONNECTION

A Monthly News Service from the Division of Communications for Norfolk Civic Organizations

## **NORFOLK IS TREE CITY, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION**

At a time when many cities are cutting back on tree planting programs, Norfolk continues to lead the way nationally for planting and caring for our leafy friends. We bask in the glow of satisfaction when visitors and residents marvel at the beauty of our crape myrtles and towering oak trees. And the canopy of foliage seen at places like the Norfolk Botanical Garden and the Norfolk International Airport distinguish Norfolk and our desire to enhance our natural environment.

The National Arbor Day Foundation has called the City of Norfolk a Tree City every year since 1986. Through the dedication of the men and women in the Division of Parks & Urban Forestry, the City has received numerous other growth awards for work over and beyond the Tree City USA requirements. Also, the City's annual Arbor Day event has been recognized by the state for its educational value and positive impact on the Norfolk community.

Credit for the care and maintenance of our tree population goes to the Division of Parks & Urban Forestry. Their work includes the management and care of the area between the street curbing and the sidewalk in residential and commercial areas and regulating the planting, transplanting, pruning, removal, care and protection of all shade and ornamental trees and shrubbery throughout the City.

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## **NORFOLK NEIGHBORHOOD CODES SUMMIT**

The public is invited to the Norfolk Neighborhood Codes Summit on Wednesday, July 21 at 6 p.m. at the Lafayette Winona Middle School, 1701 Alsace Avenue.

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The professionals in the division are responsible for:

- Maintaining Norfolk's 76,000 street trees
- Caring for an estimated 20,000 trees on public grounds such as parks, schools, playgrounds, cemeteries, etc.
- Planting approximately 1,800 trees annually
- Removing approximately 1,400 diseased, decayed and declining or dead trees annually

With a staff of less than 20, Parks & Urban Forestry works hard daily to fulfill its mission and remains committed to maintaining the city's tree population for not only aesthetic purposes but to further enhance the livability of our neighborhoods. Parks & Urban Forestry fields hundreds of calls each month from residents requesting information on everything from helping care for the crape myrtle in front of their property to how to determine if a tree needs to be removed.

One thing few people know is the division also grows its own trees. Parks & Urban Forestry has been able to save the City money when it was determined in the 80s it could grow its own trees at two-thirds the cost of purchasing them wholesale. Having a nursery in the region allows the division to also plant more trees than the operating budget would normally allow.

With over 76,000 trees to care for – more than half of them crape myrtles – it's a fact of life that some trees will become diseased or damaged and will need to be removed. Other times, a tree will have outgrown its environment and pose a safety risk to residents, causing Parks & Urban Forestry staff to remove it.

The decision to remove a tree is not one made easily or lightly. Once the decision has been made, tree crews notify the civic league president three days before the tree's removal. Still, Parks & Urban Forestry tries to get as much life out of the tree by breaking it down and using it for mulch throughout the City or donating the wood to charitable organizations that serve Norfolk.

For more information about the City of Norfolk's Division of Parks & Urban Forestry, call 823-4023.

## **NORFOLK'S SPARC FUNDING AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE BUYERS**

As part of the ongoing effort to support the City of Norfolk's "Come Home to Norfolk Now" housing initiative, the City has received \$3 million in Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities, or SPARC, funds courtesy of the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA).

The dollars will assist eligible buyers in the purchase of a home in Norfolk's neighborhoods. Qualified applicants can receive interest rates up to 1% below the standard VHDA low interest mortgage rates. To qualify applicants must meet VHDA income and sales price limitations and are required to complete a first-time homebuyers counseling and training class.

The sales price limitations are \$138,900 for existing homes and \$171,800 for new construction properties. VHDA income limitations are as follows:

- 1 Person Household - \$39,150
- 2 Person Household - \$44,700
- 3 Person Household - \$50,300
- 4 Person Household - \$55,900
- 5 Person Household - \$60,350
- 6 Person Household - \$64,850
- 7 Person Household - \$69,300
- 8 Person Household - \$73,800

Those interested in learning about the SPARC program can contact Andrew Northcutt in the Department of Planning & Community Development at 664-6784.

## **NORFOLK'S DRINKING WATER IS OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY WITH UNDETECTABLE LEAD LEVELS**

In recent weeks, the media has published news articles alleging high lead levels in drinking water in the Washington D.C. area. The media reported that lead is used in manufacturing certain types of residential water meters used in the Washington D.C. area—specifically, meters manufactured by ABB.

Lead is not a problem for Norfolk. Norfolk's water meters are manufactured by Neptune, not ABB. In tests conducted at individual Norfolk homes, lead is not detected in Norfolk's drinking water at the measuring point established by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Norfolk treats its drinking water to prevent lead contamination and has aggressively eliminated lead pipes from its drinking water distribution system. Key points about Norfolk's drinking water:



- We routinely monitor for lead Norfolk's drinking water and it is undetectable.
- Due to an aggressive program started more than 20 years ago, Norfolk has removed all lead pipes from the city's drinking water distribution system.
- Norfolk's water meets or exceeds all requirements for water quality.
- Norfolk's Department of Utilities will test the water in any customer's home upon request.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) *2004 Atlantic hurricane season outlook* indicates a 50 percent probability of an above-normal hurricane season. This prediction is based on a consensus of scientists at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, the Hurricane Research Division, and the National Hurricane Center. The outlook calls for 12-15 tropical storms, with 6-8 becoming hurricanes, and 2-4 of these becoming major hurricanes. The predicted 2004 activity reflects expected warmer sea surface temperatures in the tropical Atlantic and Caribbean Sea.

City departments are using the information provided by NOAA and other sources to strengthen the City's emergency preparedness infrastructure and procedures. One of the methods we are using to improve emergency preparedness is to focus more on regional cooperation. This includes strengthening the region's communication's network and developing a regional priority list of key buildings and infrastructure that require electrical and telephone service. This priority list will assist in speeding up restoration of power and phone services to these key buildings.

## INTERACTIVE HURRICANE STORM FLOODING MAPS NOW AVAILABLE

The City has added Hurricane Storm Flooding maps to its website. The data provided by the Army Corps of Engineers was created using several data layers from the Norfolk Geographic Information System.

The maps show areas that have the potential for flooding during category 1 through category 4 hurricanes. The application allows users to zoom in on any area of the City, or search by specific address, and display the potential flood zones over aerial photography.

The flood maps are part of the *Interactive Mapper* application, which now contains 47 different data layers, is accessible on the Internet. The public can access the application by going to <http://gis.norfolk.gov/> and selecting **Interactive Mapping** from the menu on the left. The next page displayed will have a link to the *Norfolk Interactive Mapper*. The hurricane maps are located under the *Environmental Features* list in the application. It is strongly recommend first time visitors click on the HELP link.

## **SOME BEACH ACCESS RAMPS OPEN, BOAT RAMP UPDATE**

Four Ocean View Beach access ramps are now open. Access ramps at 13<sup>th</sup> Bay, 15<sup>th</sup> Bay, 17<sup>th</sup> Bay and 19<sup>th</sup> Bay streets are now open. Limited access is available at Ocean View Beach Park and Sarah Constant Park. The ramps were damaged during Hurricane Isabel.

The City is now working on ramps at Pinewell-by-the Bay (Seabreeze Road and Hammet Parkway), 3<sup>rd</sup> Bay Street. The final phase of repairs is 6<sup>th</sup> View, 8<sup>th</sup> View, 9<sup>th</sup> view, 11<sup>th</sup> View and 13<sup>th</sup> View streets. All phases are expected to be completed by mid-July.

*There was also significant damage to the 13<sup>th</sup> View Street boat ramps.* Isabel destroyed the finger piers that line the sides of the two boat ramps. The storm also covered the south ramp in about 2-3 feet of sand and eroded sections of the parking lot area.

Repairs to the smaller, north ramp of the 13<sup>th</sup> View Street boat ramp has been reopened. Work on this ramp, which is the smaller of the two ramps, has involved reconstruction of the finger piers and other miscellaneous repairs.

It is estimated that the total cost of repairs will be \$280,000. The design for the second phase is currently underway, with construction expected to be complete by spring 2005. Phase II repairs include replacement of the finger piers on the larger, south ramp, dredging of sand from the south ramp, south ramp basin and small boat channel; and replacement of the concrete on the south ramp.

Engineers in Public Works attribute the damage to strong northeastern winds that came up the coast into the Willoughby Bay, one of the hardest hit areas in Norfolk. Because of the large area of open water from one side of Willoughby Bay to the other, waves have a greater distance to travel, which causes them to be stronger and more likely to damage piers and other structures. The 13<sup>th</sup> View boat ramps suffered more damage than any other boat ramps in the city.

## **TURTLES CHALLENGE BEACH REPLENISHMENT**

Two projects to replenishment Norfolk's shoreline have been completed, but a third is on hold. Approximately 395,000 cubic yards of dredged material were placed in east Ocean View and another 39,800 cubic yards of truck hauled sand were placed along the Willoughby Spit shoreline, between the 700 and 900 blocks. Those projects were completed in December 2003 with the assistance of the US Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District. The planting of vegetation on the dunes was completed in March 2004.

The City wants to partner with the Corps once more to provide 420,000 cubic yards of dredged material from 13<sup>th</sup> View Street to Warwick Avenue in central Ocean View. The objective is to restore the dune for protection against a five-year return period

storm – the equivalent of a Northeaster. However, the City and Corps must resolve issues concerning possible harm to endangered sea turtles during the dredging process.

## **HAMPTON ROADS OFFICIALS SUPPORT MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL RELOCATION PITCH**

William Somerindyke, Jr. and Jason Osborne, principals of Norfolk Baseball Company, kick off a public support campaign to bring major league baseball to Hampton Roads. The campaign includes outdoor, radio, television and print ads that invite citizens to get into the game by purchasing fully-refundable season ticket guarantees.

To kick off the multimedia campaign, five area Mayors, including Mayor Fraim from Norfolk, Mayor Oberndorf from Virginia Beach, Mayor Wornom from Hampton, Mayor Dickens from Suffolk and Mayor Zeidler from Williamsburg, appear in the first TV spot. The mayors represent the 16 cities and counties in the region that have passed resolutions in support of the major league baseball effort.



Media for the public support campaign has largely been donated by area television, radio and outdoor companies. “We have been humbled by the overwhelming support we’ve received from the media, corporations and community organizations in the region” says William Somerindyke, Jr. CEO of Norfolk Baseball Company. “It is our conviction that this demonstrated support from the business community and the general public is the final piece we need to convince Major League executives and owners that Hampton Roads will fully support a team.”

Norfolk Baseball Company has identified six reasons why major league baseball will come to Hampton Roads that include:

- A fully financed stadium plan
- Early corporate support throughout the region
- A qualified, aggressive ownership group comprised of Hampton Roads natives
- Readiness for the 2005 season through expansion of Norfolk’s Harbor Park and a comprehensive facility plan for a new stadium ready for play in 2007
- Significant interest in stadium naming rights partnerships from several regional companies
- Unanimous resolutions of support by all 16 cities and counties in Hampton Roads

“It is our time and destiny to join the major leagues,” says Jason Osborne, Norfolk Baseball Company’s president and COO. “Baseball Commissioner Selig has committed

to a relocation decision in July, before Major League Baseball's All-Star break. "We'll be ready, and we believe in Hampton Roads." To receive more information about the campaign, ticket sales and luxury suite sales, visit [www.norfolkmlb.com](http://www.norfolkmlb.com).

## **EYES OF THE PLANNING WORLD ON NORFOLK**

Norfolk's renaissance is featured in the June edition of *Planning*, the monthly magazine of the American Planning Association (APA), a nonprofit organization committed to urban, suburban, regional, and rural planning. The cover of *Planning* features a dramatic photograph of the "*Carnival Triumph*" cruise ship docked at the Nauticus cruise terminal. The six page article on Norfolk is entitled "Norfolk takes back its Heart" and focuses on the rebirth of Downtown. Public private partnerships, investment in infrastructure, cultural attractions and the emerging cruise industry are all featured in the article.

Norfolk is also featured in the May issue of *Virginia Town and Cities*. The Virginia Municipal League's monthly magazine discusses Norfolk's efforts to promote good housing design. The new pattern book and opening of the Design Center are examples cited in the article regarding how the City is focusing on the future of housing in Norfolk.

## **CITY STAFF WORKING TO ENSURE NORFOLK'S RESIDENTS AND VISITORS HAVE ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCES THIS SUMMER**

City staff has been working months in advance with event organizers to ensure that each of the various activities taking place in Norfolk comes off successfully. Employees from departments such as Fire-Rescue, Police, Public Works, Public Health and Neighborhood and Leisure Services perform many of the tasks that are an essential part of the event logistics. These include traffic control and street closures, emergency medical assistance, food inspections, street and site clean up and infrastructure support. The tasks carried out by City employees to ensure positive experiences for the public will be repeated throughout the summer at large events such as the Bayou Boogaloo, Jazz Festival, Latino Festival and the Great American 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic.

## **CITY WELCOMES SUMMER INTERNS**

Twenty undergraduate and graduate students -- out of a total of 250 applicants -- are gaining invaluable government experience working in 12 City departments as part of the Summer Municipal Internship Program. Students are working on utilities plant

operations, disease control, online magazine publication, geographic information systems (GIS), historical research, auditing, financial budgeting, business development, human resources management, public relations, structural engineering, television production and news reporting.

The Human Resources Department coordinates the program, which gaining a reputation for providing undergraduate and graduate students outstanding work experiences. Thanks to the variety of placement opportunities, the number and quality of applicants' increases each year. Most of the students selected for the program are from local colleges and universities, but students from colleges and universities from across the nation and even overseas are starting to apply. This year approximately 250 applicants applied for the 20 internship positions. Applications received came from as far away as Washington State and Northern Ireland.

The City is also providing summer internship opportunities to 15 rising seniors who attend Norfolk Public Schools. This initiative, now in its fourth year, provides money to high school seniors, as well as offers educational and stimulating work experiences in public administration. Hopefully, some of the youth will decide on a career in public service. The program will run from June 21 – August 13.

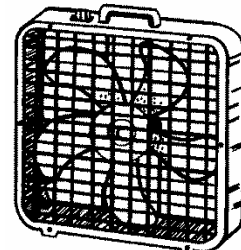
## **CONGRESS MOVES CLOSER TO APPROVING SPENDING PLAN**

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young (FL) announced this week his intention to package all thirteen FY05 appropriations bills into an omnibus measure and go into conference with the Senate. Young also stated that he hoped the plan would allow the enactment of an omnibus before the fiscal year ends Sept. 30. Young's comments echoes those of Senate Appropriations Chairman Ted Stevens (R-AK), who said Tuesday he might be forced to go the omnibus route, although that would not be his preference. The Senate is just beginning the appropriations process due to the protracted negotiations over the FY05 budget resolution.

Staff is continuing to work with our federal lobbyist and our congressional delegation to ensure the City's issues and interests are understood especially as they relate to funding for critical City projects. These projects include: funding for water/wastewater infrastructure replacement; back-up generators for pump stations; the Cruise Terminal; and the Ocean View Shoreline Study.

## **COOLING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS DUE BY AUGUST 16**

Heat waves are meteorological events that can lead to heat-related deaths; especially among small children, individuals with mental illnesses and the elderly. The city's Cooling Assistance program is designed to assist low-





income families with their cooling needs. Eligible households, in order to get assistance with the costs of cooling their homes, must have at least one person age 60 or older, under age six, or disabled.

The program is part of the Energy Assistance Program and is funded through a \$5 million federal grant. There were 845 Norfolk households that participated in the Cooling Assistance Program in 2003. This year, we are anticipating a 10 percent increase in the numbers of households that will be served by the program.

Applications for Cooling Assistance will be accepted June 15 through August 16. The Cooling Assistance Program was designed to assist low-income families with their cooling needs. Per household, Cooling Assistance can help pay for the following:

- Fan repairs
- Repairs to one central air conditioning unit or heat pump
- Electric bills
- One portable fan
- One air conditioning unit
- One ceiling fan and installation.

Households must have one person under age 6 or 60 years and over to qualify.

Applications are limited to one member per household and require a valid signature. For more information on the Cooling Assistance Program and income eligibility requirements call 664-7570 or visit the City of Norfolk website at [www.norfolk.gov](http://www.norfolk.gov)

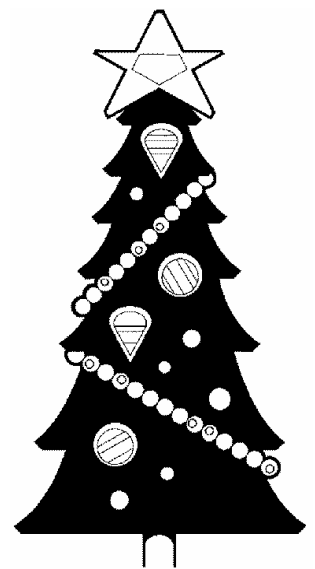
## **SPECIAL PUBLIC WORKS CREWS CONDUCT SPOT CLEANUPS**

The concept began as “two men in a truck” a special crew taking on tasks that two men riding in a pickup or tandem truck could handle. Now, just over a year later, the City has two trucks. Among their assignments are maintaining the City’s storm water ponds, cleaning up illegal dump sites and vacant lots, removing illegal signs in the right-of-way and retrieving abandoned shopping carts. When requested, they also assist the health Department with court-ordered cleanups of private property.

How effective are they? In the last two months, they cleaned 66 lots and dumpsites, collected more than 237 tons of materials, and retrieved 131 shopping carts, in addition to tires and illegal signs.

## **MAKE AN ORNAMENT FOR THE 2004 CAPITOL HOLIDAY TREE**

All Virginians can participate in the historical event of sending the Capitol Holiday Tree from Virginia to our nation’s capitol by contributing a handmade ornament. The Holiday Tree will stop over in Norfolk on its way to Washington D.C. Members of the public will be



able to view the tree. Dates for viewing the tree will be announced in the future.

Thousands of handmade ornaments that depict the theme, “From Virginia-Birthplace of Presidents,” are needed to decorate the Capitol Holiday Tree and companion trees that will be sent to dozens of government offices in Washington D.C., including the Supreme Court, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of the Interior.

College design and art students will create ornament templates for children around the Commonwealth to use. Those who want to create original ornaments should use the following criteria:

- Reflect the theme: “From Virginia—Birthplace of Presidents” and/or reflect Virginia’s agriculture, wildlife, historical or natural resources
- Use lightweight, durable, water-resistant materials since ornaments will be exhibited on a live tree located in an outdoor environment for approximately three weeks
- Be 9-to-12 inches in size, and have 12-15 inch heavy gauge, 20 gauge or higher, wire attached
- Use reflective, colorful materials
- Use three-dimensional effects for best viewing from all sides
- Use a large, easy-to-view design since ornaments will be on a 60-70 foot live tree.

## **THIRTEEN STUDENTS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS BROAD SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Broad Foundation announced thirteen high school seniors from Norfolk Public Schools who are receiving scholarships for academic achievement as a result of the district’s recognition last year. The prestigious Broad Prize for Urban Education is a \$1,000,000 prize awarded to the most outstanding school districts in the nation. As one of five finalists last year, Norfolk was awarded \$125,000 in scholarship funds for graduating seniors.

Students who enroll in four-year institutions receive \$10,000 scholarships paid out over four years. Students who enroll in two-year institutions receive \$2,500 scholarships paid out over two years.

The following students from the 2004 graduating class have been named Broad Scholars:

- Brenton Stith, B.T. Washington High School, Old Dominion University
- Drakea Rodgers, B.T. Washington High School, Old Dominion University
- Tierra Wiggins, B.T. Washington High School, Hampton University
- Marquette Brown, B.T. Washington High School, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Crystal Holderfield, B.T. Washington High School, Undecided
- Lisa Silverthorne, B.T. Washington High School, Old Dominion University
- Nyssa Thongthai, Lake Taylor High School, University of Virginia
- Lashawna Ridley, Maury High School, Old Dominion University
- William Glades, Maury High School, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Hallelujah Garcia, Maury High School, Old Dominion University
- Tobammonique Sahib, Norview High School, Christopher Newport University
- Courtney Ford, Norview High School, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Roberta Farmer, Norview High School, Virginia Wesleyan College

## **FIGHT THE FAT CAMPAIGN REDUCES SEWER OVERFLOWS**

The City of Norfolk's "Fight the Fat" campaign has succeeded in reducing the number of fat, oil and grease related sewer overflows. Between July 2001 and June 2002, 210 out of 224 sewer overflows resulted from fat blockages. A year later, that number was reduced to 131.

The campaign was developed by the Department of Utilities to educate the public on the harmful effect fat has on the sewer system. The first step was to go out to civic league meetings and public events to discuss how residents dispose of grease. City officials also looked at the public's knowledge of the sewer system and fat related sewer overflows.

Flyers were distributed to educate as well as offer environmentally friendly alternatives for disposing of fat. The campaign also included expanded operation and maintenance methods, sewer replacements and increased inspection of commercial establishments with grease traps

The campaign distributed a Fight the Fat lid for three sizes of aluminum cans. Printed instructions on the lid asked people to save cans for fat disposal of liquid grease. Residents were urged to pour cooled grease into a can. The can should be kept in the freezer with the lid on it. Once the can is full, the solid grease can be thrown into the garbage and the lid is saved for reuse.

Norfolk residents have responded positively to the program. One man requested 80 brochures and lids to pass out to his family at a reunion. Nearly 3,000 lids have been

requested by civil leagues and property management companies for distribution to tenants.

The “Fight the Fat” campaign continues. Customer service representatives continue to distribute lids and brochures to walk-in customers. Also maintenance crews deliver door hanger packets in neighborhoods where they have cleaned grease from the sewer system.

## **TRAFFIC CHANGES IN WILLOUGHBY DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE BACK-UPS**

Motorists making their way to Willoughby should find the going easier. That’s because the afternoon traffic backups caused by westbound I-64 commuters using Ocean View Avenue as a shortcut to the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel are a thing of the past.

Traffic backups were caused when westbound motorists on Ocean View Avenue tried to cross into the left lane at its merger with Tidewater Drive in order to turn onto 4<sup>th</sup> View Street. New medians will not allow this to happen. In addition, eastbound motorists on Ocean View Avenue will not be permitted to turn right onto 4<sup>th</sup> View Street between 3 pm and 5 pm.

In order to access 4<sup>th</sup> View St., westbound commuters on Ocean View Avenue must turn left on Mason Creek Road, then right onto Tidewater Drive. This change of street pattern will allow residents of Willoughby to get to their homes during heavy traffic congestion at the tunnel, and it will also help assure Fire and Safety equipment can get to the western part of Ocean View during emergencies. This new pattern will be evaluated and citizens’ comments are requested before these changes become permanent.

The NPD 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct’s Special Enforcement Division has been asked to monitor and enforce the new traffic pattern.

## **FIVE POINTS COMMUNITY FARM MARKET IS OPEN**

The Five Points Community Farm Market has adopted the phrase: Get Fresh because that is what customers will get when they shop there. The Farm Market is about the health and well being of the community. The market intends to focus on education this season to let customers know where things are grown, when they were picked and if any harmful chemicals were used on them. Also tent cards will be posted to explain the health benefits of different vegetables to help balance consumer’s diet and health. Plus the market wants to make people aware of when produce is in season. A farm market is not like a grocery store where you can buy almost any kind of produce year round. The food might not taste great. The



market wants to re-introduce the “seasons” for fresh produce so consumers can taste the difference.

Five Points Community Farm Market

1132 Norview Avenue at Five Points in Norfolk

Farm Market Cell Phone – 757-237-2555

<http://groups.hamptonroads.com/5PointsFarmMarket>

Get fresh organic & conventional produce, Yoder Dairy products, white & brown eggs, country sausage, Amish free range meats, hand-churned butter, cheese & candies, fresh seafood, mushrooms, Amish recipe pickled products, jams, jellies and fruit butters, baked goods (cakes, pies, jacks, muffins, cookies, rolls & more), organic free trade whole foods, smoked BBQ & ribs, peanuts, local honey, plants, hand-made soaps, bath salts, oils and more.

**Hours:**        **Thursdays & Fridays 10 am – 6 pm**  
                     **Saturdays (New Hours) 9 am – 4 pm**

## **CITY UPDATES**

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### **CITY COUNCIL**

**Visiting Delegation from Florida.** The mayor and council members hosted a 36-member delegation from Gainesville, Florida. Members of the delegation included the mayor, city commissioners, other elected officials, the city manager, representatives from the University of Florida, business leaders and citizen activists. The delegation’s objective in visiting Norfolk was to identify viable models for creating, developing and redeveloping vibrant urbanism in downtown and nearby neighborhoods. The delegation called this visit: “The Norfolk Experience! – What can apply to Gainesville?”

The delegation arrived on June 3 and stayed in Norfolk until June 5. They toured the city extensively and participated in a number of roundtable discussions such as “Planning for Redevelopment”; Public/Private Partnerships for Revitalization; and the Come Home to Norfolk: Neighborhood Preservation and Development.

### **Youth, Education & Neighborhood Services Committee (meeting minutes concerning review and discussion of the Library Facility Master Plan).**

- In-depth study of the Norfolk Public Library system was conducted during 1997-1998. Primary objective was to prepare a twenty-year needs assessment plan and provide recommendations regarding how to develop library space that would enhance programs and services for Norfolk residents.
- Findings presented by the consultant indicated that the Library system’s buildings are outdated, rundown, and too small to accommodate present patron needs. Study

also concluded that the Library system in its current form is not capable of addressing future growth nor can it effectively respond to the ever-changing community needs.

- Based on the conclusions presented in the report, the consultant made the following recommendations for system-wide enhancements:
  1. Relocate the Kirn Memorial Library (the “Central” Library) to a more optimum downtown location and increase the square footage from 77,000 square feet to 180,000-200,000 square feet.
  2. Build four 25,000 square foot anchor branch libraries. Anchor branches, based on current population figures for 2004, would each serve a quadrant of the City with a population of approximately 57,750 people.
  3. It was revealed in the study that the eleven existing branch libraries are between 2,000 and 7,000 square feet; these facilities are not large enough to provide the public a full spectrum of modern services. In addition, it was reported that all eleven branches were old, small and in need of extensive repair.
- City of Norfolk, in September 2003, hired new library director. His critique of the original report resulted in the identification of three marketplace trends identified below that could significantly impact the Library’s function (service delivery system) and form (building size, layout and parking):
  1. Internet as a communication, research and business tool.
  2. Re-awakening of Americans to early childhood literacy and family development.
  3. Aging of Norfolk’s population.
- The Library staff recommends establishing 25,000 square feet as the base library size in order to develop anchor branches that can accommodate programs and services reflective of these marketplace trends. City Council approved the change to meet the needs of Norfolk residents as follows:
  1. Add an additional 5,000 square feet to each 25,000 square foot anchor library to accommodate technology initiatives.
  2. Add 5,000 square feet to each anchor library to make the children’s libraries 10,000 square feet versus 5,000 square feet.
  3. Add 5,000 square feet to provide an enhanced area for teens.
  4. Add 5,000 square feet of a 200-seat auditorium to anchor branches so children, teens, adults and seniors can interact, meet and perform.
- Original cost estimates provided in the consultant’s report for development of an anchor branch was \$7.8 million. The 2001 approved cost estimate for Pretlow by City Council was \$5.3 million for construction and \$1.6 million for furnishing, fixtures and equipment. These two cost components brought the total estimated project costs to \$6.9 million.

- The 2004 revised cost estimates for constructing Pretlow (the first of the four anchor branches) at 25,000 square feet is \$8.6 million. Increasing costs are associated with the changing design complexity, increased information technology and three years of inflation.
- Construction cost estimates for increasing the size of Pretlow from 25,000 square feet to 35,000 square feet at \$200 a square foot would increase costs by \$2 million to \$10.6 million.
- This change of design would impact the project's schedule. Pending approval of the current design, the present schedule proposes to break ground for construction of the Pretlow Anchor Branch by Spring of 2005. The construction and inspection phases of the project are anticipated to take 18 months to complete. We are projecting occupancy of the new building in summer/fall 2007. Expanding the building size at this point will add an additional 4-6 months to the project.
- A viable program alternative is to develop each of the anchor branches at 35,000 square feet beginning with Pretlow. This alternative provides for an additional 10,000 square feet above the 25,000 square foot base identified in the study. It allows for more functional children and teen areas as well as addressing most of the technology enhancements.
- It is recommended that the Youth, Education & Neighborhoods (YEN) Committee approve the concept for expanding the size of the anchor branch libraries as presented.
- Committee members discussed expanding Pretlow (minimum of 28,000 square feet total and maximum of 30,000 square feet total).
- Members are still looking for a suitable location for the Broad Creek anchor branch, which would, ideally, be co-located with the YMCA or possibly retail development.
- A formal re-evaluation will need to be completed by the consultant to determine need and sequencing. Another consideration will be how light rail will impact the library.

*The next step will be to present recommendations to City Council.*

## **CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS**

*Ordinances were approved recently to:*

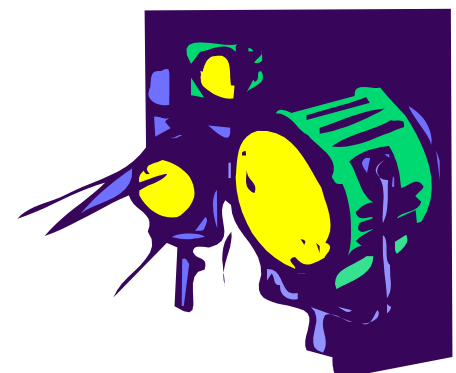
- Amend the Zoning Ordinance to create the Best Square Localized Alternate Overlay District and to establish the Best Square Localized Alternate Sign District on property located at the southwest corner of Poplar Hall Drive and North Military Highway.
- Accepted a grant award of \$3,900 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program and appropriating the funds, authorizing a local cash match of \$3,900 and authorizing the expenditure of the funds for the program.

- Approved three-year lease agreement between the City of Norfolk and Little Creek National Pony Baseball League, Inc., for a parcel of land, with buildings and improvements thereon, located on property known as Tarrallton Park
- Approve an agreement with Spirit Cruises, LLC t/a Spirit of Norfolk for use of the City's Otter Berth for operation of a harbor cruise business.
- Grant a Downtown Development Certificate for a residential building located at 388 Boush Street.
- Authorize the acceptance of a grant of up to \$17,343.60 from the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company and appropriating the funds and authorizing their expenditure for the expansion of the telecommunications services and internet access for the Norfolk Public Library.
- Approve and authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the city of Norfolk and Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority regarding the waiver of construction permit fees for Hope VI grant development project subsidized replacement housing units in the Broad Creek Renaissance Project Area.
- Accept a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture for a Summer Food Service Program for Children and appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of \$246,170 for the program.
- Accept a grant for \$728,378 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Pretrial Services Program and Local Offender Treatment and Supervision Program (LOTS), appropriating the funds, authorizing the expenditure of \$58,000 in local funding for the LOTS Program and authorizing the employment of 19 people for the programs and providing funds for the salaries and benefits of the people.
- Approve a grant application for \$322,443 to support the continuation of the Victim/Witness Assistance Program and appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of the funds for the program.
- Amend and reordain Section 37-43 of the Norfolk City Code 1979 to add a new subsection (f) to address the vesting in the retirement system of a city employee or a constitutional officer or an employee of a constitutional officer.

**Schooner Virginia Project.** City council has accepted a grant for an additional \$500,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Schooner Virginia Project. The council has also authorized the expenditure of an additional \$100,000 in matching funds from the Virginia Marine Heritage Foundation for the project.

## **SPOTLIGHT: NORFOLK'S CONVENTION AND TOURISM INDUSTRY**

- ❑ **What is the Norfolk Convention and Visitors Bureau?**





- NCVB's **mission** is to generate growth for Norfolk by producing high volumes of visitors, tax revenues and tourism related jobs.
- **Umbrella organization** – Promote Norfolk's tourism industry as a whole to the consumer and convention markets.
  - **One Stop Shopping** - Marketing, public relations, sales, convention services.
- **Examples of service:** Coordinating a multiple venue event, organizing packages or tours for visitors, helping with unique business conventions, family reunions, planning a day tour for visiting relatives
- **Tourism Employment** - Nearly 12,000 people are employed within the tourism/hospitality industry in Norfolk.
- **Travel Trends**
  - **Leisure Market** – The leisure market is predicted to increase in FY05.
  - **Drive Market** -- Americans will be driving more and staying closer to home. Norfolk is very accessible. The Travel Industry Association does not expect gas prices to deter travel this summer
  - **Air travel** is predicted to increase about 5 percent this summer thanks in part to low cost airlines such as Independence Air and Southwest.
  - **Cruise industry** increased over 10.2 percent compared to 2002
  - **African American travelers** – Increased 4 percent last year. NCVB won two awards this year, Virginia Governor's Conference and PRSA, for our achievements and initiatives within this market.
  - **Top activities visitors** do while on vacation – shopping, outdoor activities, dining and visiting museums or historic sites.
- **What are some of the reasons tourists come to visit the New Norfolk?**
  - **Big city amenities, small town charm**
  - **Patriotic and historic attractions** – Norfolk has always been proud of its military heritage and there is an increase in interest for patriotic destinations like *MacArthur Memorial*, *Naval Museum*, *Battleship Wisconsin*, *Sgt. Carney at Civil War Trail*
  - **Four seasons of arts and events** –year round festivals, arts performance, sports and more!
  - **Close proximity to regional attractions** – Williamsburg, Virginia Beach, etc....
  - **Family friendly** - walkable, compact, clean, safe city –
    - 10 square blocks of hotels, convention facilities, dining, fun and entertainment
    - Public Safety Ambassadors – walking concierge
    - NET

- **Big Events and Conferences coming to Norfolk This Year**
  - **COVITS** - Commonwealth of Virginia's Information Technology Symposium is coming in September (Sept 26-28) and features speakers such as Tom Brokaw, William Kennard and Madeline Albright.
  - **Band of Brothers** – Known by many from the recent HBO miniseries, this group of World War II heroes will reunite in Norfolk in October. They will also be doing a book signing at MacArthur Memorial on October 16.
- **Growth areas/potential of tourism development for the city?**
  - **More hotels** to choose from - from economy to 4 star & conference facilities, including Waterside Convention Connection (Sheraton, Marriott, Convention Center, Waterside Festival Marketplace); Spring Hill Suites and Residence Inn
  - **Dining** – Over 70 restaurants in downtown alone, a few years ago there were only ten. When writers come to town they are always impressed with the selection and the numerous chef owned restaurants.
  - **Cruise lines**
    - Over 115, 000 cruise passengers are expected this year.
- **Norfolk residents can also use the NCVB**
  - **When friends and relatives visit** – attractions, tours, updated events; organize your next meeting, association, family reunion
  - Planning a visit around such fun events as **Homearama; Wine Festival, golf tournaments** and more...Check out **packages and calendar of events** online at [www.norfolkcvb.com](http://www.norfolkcvb.com)
  - **Passport to Fun** – \$19.95 passport offers discounted admission to Nauticus, Norfolk Botanical Garden, Chrysler Museum of Art and Virginia Zoo – plus additional savings on other attractions, dining and retail establishments. Available at visitors centers, select hotels and online at [www.norfolkcvb.com](http://www.norfolkcvb.com)
  - **SOL Binder** – Part of a Tops Grant initiative – Created a comprehensive guide to all of Norfolk's attractions, SOL requirements for teachers, principals and education representatives.
- **What can the average citizen do to help tourism grow?**
  - **Book meetings and events** in your hometown – civic meetings, board meetings, annual meetings
  - **Be friendly to visitors** - one of our best selling tools is our Southern charm and friendly atmosphere

- **Be proud of what is taking place here** – There are so many new and cool things taking place in the city. Tell friends and relatives about the area.
- Participate in the first annual **NCVB Education and Research Foundation Golf Tournament Fundraiser** – Ocean View Golf Course, October 15.
- **The NCVB has information on the following group and individual tour packages**
  - Sweet Deal! – Celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Doumar's Ice Cream
  - Pre and Post Cruise Packages
  - Rediscover Your Freedom
  - African American Heritage Packages
  - Four Seasons of Arts and Events packages – Homearama, Wine Festival, Virginia Arts Festival (rotates with current events)
- **Where are the Norfolk CVB and Visitors Centers?**
  - **Ocean View** – sign right off the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel
    - See over 55,000 visitors per year at that one site
  - **Nauticus** – downtown location
  - **Main Administrative office**, 232 E. Main Street, is open Monday through Friday.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

- **PHONE** 757-664-6620 OR 1-800-368-3097
- **WEBSITE** [www.norfolkcvb.com](http://www.norfolkcvb.com)
  - Packages, tours, calendar of events

**FIRE AND RESCUE**

**Fire Fighter Conference Held in Norfolk.** The City's many amenities are a major attraction for statewide organizations in determining the location of their conferences and conventions. These events are bringing new dollars into our community through hotel lodging and retail sales (i.e. merchandise, food and beverages). Even small events between 50 and 100 individuals, with the average visitor spending approximately \$350 per day (not counting transportation) have a significant impact on our local economy.



One such event, The Virginia Professional Firefighters Association's (VPFF) 2004 Annual Conference, was recently held in the city. This year's conference was attended by more than 160 firefighters from throughout the state.

**City Ensuring Norfolk Youth are Buckling Up Safely.** Norfolk Fire and Rescue has embarked on a campaign to ensure the safety of Norfolk's children when riding in motor vehicles. Recent statistics released by the National SAFE Kids Coalition states that 4 out of 5 car seats are not correctly installed. In an effort to ensure Norfolk's youth are properly restrained in child passenger safety seats, all thirteen firefighters and paramedics at Fire Station Four have just completed training certifying them as "Child Passenger Safety Technicians." The four day, 32 hour training, which was conducted by Fire Department staff focused on child restraints and crash dynamics.

The program goals are to improve the safety of all children riding in car seats using education, instruction, and discussion. The Certification of Station Four personnel will allow the public to get assistance in correctly installing the child safety seats in their motor vehicles. Staff will also assist with periodic car seat inspections designed to ensure child safety seats are properly installed. For more information or to schedule an appointment to get a car seat installation checked, call 441-5665 (Station #4 Poplar Halls).



## **HUMAN SERVICES**

**Adoption Expo 2004.** Have you ever considered adopting a child? The Norfolk Adoption Expo can help you take the first step. **BRING THE KIDS. ADMISSION IS FREE** at the Virginia Zoological Park, Saturday, July 10 from 11 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the Norfolk Department of Human Services and hosted by the Hampton Roads Foster/Adoptive Family Foundation, is a must for anyone interested in learning more about adoption and/or foster parenting.

Meet those involved in the actual adoption process; social workers, adoptive parents and related agencies. There will be face painting and other fun activities to entertain your children while you are learning more about becoming an Adoptive/Foster parent.

When: Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Where: Virginia Zoological Park

Admission: FREE

Contact: Hampton Roads Foster/Adoptive Family Foundation 248-6444 or

[hrchildren@cox.net](mailto:hrchildren@cox.net)

Norfolk Department of Human Services 664-6020 or

[jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov](mailto:jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov)

**NEW! Foster/Adoptive Parent Training Classes.** The Norfolk Department of Human Services stresses the growing need for foster and adoptive families to provide children in crisis with a warm, stable, and loving home.

The new curriculum for pre-service foster parent training began June 2004 and incorporates both foster and adoptive instruction, so that all parents receive dual certification. The Parent Resources for Information, Development, & Education (P.R.I.D.E.) training program is a model of practices, geared toward five competencies:

1. Protecting and nurturing children
2. Meeting children's developmental needs and addressing development delays
3. Supporting relationships between children and their families
4. Helping children to develop safe and nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime
5. Working as a member of a professional team

If you have ever considered becoming a foster parent or adopting a child, don't delay. Right now, a child is waiting for a place to call home. The next training sessions for foster and adoptive parenting will be held in September at the Norfolk Department of Human Services, 220 W. Brambleton Ave. To learn more, please call Nancy Brock with HomeFinders at 757-664-6079. An information video on foster/adoptive parenting can be viewed online at [www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/fostercare.asp](http://www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/fostercare.asp)

**A New Resource for the Disabled and Their Caregivers.** The Norfolk Commission for Persons with Disabilities is offering brochures to citizens or organizations in need of new and updated resource information. The Commission's goal is to increase awareness of disability issues, develop laws affecting disabled citizens, ensure that all facilities are accessible to citizens with disabilities, promote employment opportunities, and assist with public transportation.

The Commission meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Norfolk Senior Center, 924 W. 21<sup>st</sup> St. Meetings are open to the public. For more information or to order brochures, contact the Norfolk Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 625-5857 or the Norfolk Department of Human Services, Public Information and Education at 664-6020.

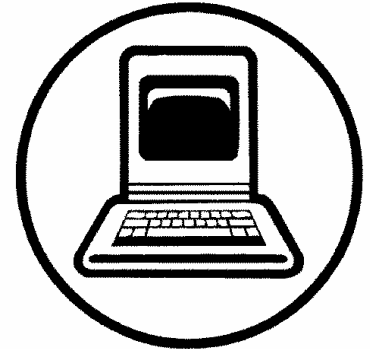
**Child Abuse Prevention Flyers.** The Norfolk Department of Human Services recently completed a month-long promotion on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, which included the distribution of more than 21,000 informational flyers throughout Norfolk and Hampton Roads. The flyers contain information on how to recognize the signs of abuse, helpful tips and resources for stressed-out parents, and phone numbers to report suspected child mistreatment.

The agency extends its sincerest appreciation to Chanello's Pizza, Zero's Submarines, and Cogans, which supported the cause by included flyers with all their

orders and deliveries throughout the month of April. Although April is specially designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month, these flyers are available year-round. If your company or organization would like to help get the word out about Child Abuse Prevention, contact Jan Callaghan at 664-6020, or Cori Waddington, at 664-6108.

**ACCESS- Online Prescreening for Public Assistance.** The Norfolk Department of Human Services offers an easy, convenient, and discreet way for Norfolk citizens to determine whether they may qualify for public assistance benefits. The online program called ACCESS allows individuals to anonymously screen themselves for a variety of federal, state and local assistance programs based on their family size and income. ACCESS prescreens for the following assistance programs:

- Child Care Assistance
- Energy Assistance
- Emergency Assistance
- FAMIS (Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan)
- Food Stamps
- General Relief
- Lifeline
- Medicaid
- Refugee Resettlement Program
- SLH (State and Local Hospitalization)
- TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Auxiliary Grants



ACCESS is available on the City of Norfolk website at [www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening](http://www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening). All 12 of the Norfolk Public Library's branch locations offer free public Internet access and librarians are available to assist citizens in navigating the site. Informational brochures are available to local agencies, centers, churches and civic organizations at no cost. Please contact Jan Callaghan, Programs Manager for Public Information and Education, at 757-664-6020 for more information.

**Combating Domestic Violence.** The Norfolk Department of Human Services has initiated a campaign to get valuable information to those at risk for or victimized by domestic violence. The effort involves the strategic placement of Safety Cards, miniature brochures informing victims of who to call in an emergency, where to go for confidential counseling, and how to create a “safety plan” for themselves and their children.

Safety Cards are available at more than 70 locations throughout Norfolk, including businesses, community centers and other public locations. Businesses are encouraged to place the cards in their restrooms, foyers, or other locations where customers may discreetly pick them up.

Businesses wishing to participate in the effort may obtain Domestic Violence Safety Cards by contacting Brenda Fulkerson, Public Information Assistant, at 664-3242, or Jan Callaghan, Program Manager for Public Information and Education, at 664-6020. [jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov](mailto:jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov)

**Child Care Program.** The Norfolk Department of Human Services’ Child Care Program aids eligible families in the arrangement and/or purchase of childcare for their children. The program helps promote parental choice and consumer education, activities to enhance health and safety standards established by the state, and activities to increase and enhance childcare and early childhood development. Determining eligibility for Child Care is easy.

1. Apply at any of the local department agencies.
2. Call the information line at 664-6175.
3. Go online at [www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening](http://www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening). NDHS’ ACCESS program allows everyone to determine eligibility for childcare or any other program with the click of the mouse.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES**

**La Verne Parker Diggs to Serve as the Acting Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director.** Assistant City Manager La Verne Parker Diggs will serve as the acting director of NLS in addition to continuing her ACM duties. La Verne over the last several months has worked closely with NLS personnel as part of the review of the City’s code enforcement program. Familiarity with NLS’ operations as well as La Verne’s outstanding leadership and people skills make her ideally suited to carryout the goals and objectives of the department until a new director is hired.

**Norview Recreation Center Summer Program Location Change.** The Norview Recreation Center located at 6800 Sewells’ Point Road will be closed due to the



construction of the new high school and athletic fields. Neighborhood & Leisure Services (NLS) remains committed to continually provide a vast array of programs this summer.

Scheduled summer programs have been moved to the Norview Middle School, 635 Sewells' Point Road, located less than one mile from the recreation center. The new site provides the space required to operate most of the critical summer programs currently offered through the months of June, July and August. Plans for the fall and winter schedules are being discussed with Norfolk Public School administration and information will be released as soon as it is available.

Program questions regarding this change are being directed to Center Management Staff at 441-5836.

**New Extended NSU Internship Partnership Program Announced.** Norfolk State University's Graduate School Internship Program in partnership with the Division of Neighborhood Services recently announced a change to the internship program that will extend the period of time served in the division from one semester to a full year internship program. The longer time period will allow two Master Degree candidates to provide more in depth community development experience for students, and much needed programming staff support in the Division. The interns will be of great benefit to the City of Norfolk by serving as program coordinators for various projects, facilitating NU classes, providing technical support to Division staff and providing research on special assigned projects.

**Additional Funding Proposed for Norfolk's Citizen Corps Councils (CCP).** The Division of Neighborhood Services in partnership with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was recently awarded a \$21,000 federal grant to fund a local Citizen Corps Council in the City of Norfolk from the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Emergency Management. In addition to the current \$21,000 federal grant, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) received information that additional funding is also expected to help implement Norfolk's Citizen Corps Councils (CCP) emergency planning program and initiate the planning process for Norfolk's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteer base program.

The Citizen Corps Councils (CCP) are a major component of Virginia's Department of Emergency Management's (VDEM) emergency preparedness, homeland security and volunteer efforts and support the momentum Governor Warner has been building through his Virginia Corps initiative to make communities across the Commonwealth safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to crime, terrorism and disasters of all kinds.

All persons interested in volunteering or learning more about the new Norfolk CERT program should contact the Division of Neighborhood Services at 441-2400.



**Art in the Community.** Neighborhood and Leisure Services in conjunction with Paul Street Gallery is featuring a show of the works of city employees and participants in the NLS's Visual Arts program. The art will be housed in the Titustown Gallery until July 23.

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

**Harrison Opera House, site for Teen Culture Fest.** The Harrison Opera House will be the site for Norfolk's First Annual Teen Culture Fest on December 4th, 2004. Corporate sponsors and notable local entities are being sought to help make this event successful. The Culture Fest will mainly be planned and organized by subcommittees consisting of Norfolk teens from diverse backgrounds. Norfolk's Department of Communications, Festevents and Radio Disney will assist the Division of Youth Development in the early preparation stages. The event will celebrate the cultures of many diverse people living and working in Norfolk. Also, featured will be music, presentations, arts and entertainment for expected gathering of hundreds of Norfolk teens.

**Norfolk's Right Choices for Youth (RCFY) Community Coalition and the Division of Youth Development** sponsored bowling for youths and parents on Saturday, June 5 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at AMF Military Bowling on Military Highway in Norfolk. This event was part of an ongoing RCFY commitment made by youths who pledged to avoid risky behaviors through high school and their parents who pledged to support their effort. In addition, a special gift certificate was awarded to a youth and adult who score the highest number of points.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD UNIVERSITY**

- **New AED CPR Course Offered** - A new AED CPR Course is now available to Norfolk citizens through Neighborhood University. The special CPR AED First Aid Training provides qualified CPR individuals with breathing and life saving techniques that sustains life with the assistance of special electrical equipment.
- **Basic Grant Writing Course** prepares participants with positive writing techniques to obtain grants. This popular course is always filled to capacity.
- **Civic Board Development**  
Thirty-two citizens participated in the first part of Neighborhood University's Civic Board Development course on May 18. The course provided customized, comprehensive training to accommodate the unique goals and resources of neighborhood associations such as civic leagues. Topics included governance,

meeting facilitation, group dynamics and communication. This course was hosted by the Park Place Neighborhood Service Center and concluded on May 25th.

**Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference.** Planning for the upcoming Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference scheduled for October 8-9 in Blacksburg, Virginia is in full swing. Staff is busy forwarding registration information and implementing workshops activities for the conference.

All interested persons and volunteers should visit the conference website <http://www.blacksburg.gov/government/departments/conference/> for more information.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTERS**

- **Little Creek Neighborhood Service Center** - In honor of National Military Appreciation Month, the Little Creek Neighborhood Service Center is providing visitors with handouts from military recruiters located in our service area. Many of the center's Advisory/Civic/Community groups and visitors are either active military or military veterans. The center is also partnering with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Weather Service to help people prepare for the next big storm. Visitors were given information and handouts in preparation for the 2004 Hurricane season.
- **Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center** – The center warmly welcomed a new community partner, Interfaith Partnership Mentoring Program to the center. Staff is moving into new office space and will formally open services to the community in the very near future. Since the closing of Norfolk Community Hospital, several community agencies and programs have been searching for alternative office space throughout the city. The Huntersville NSC stepped up to provide adequate program space for this important community initiative.

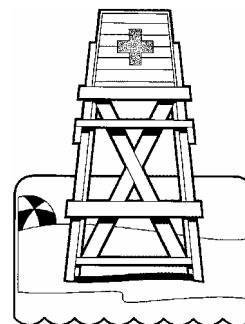
### **Volunteers Needed**

Anyone interested in volunteering with any of the Neighborhood Service Centers or other programs in the Division of Neighborhood Services should call (757) 441-2400 for further details.

## **RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **Beaches and Outdoor Pools**

- Through September 6, lifeguards will be at the beaches from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.



- Also, seasonal pool sites, Berkley and Chesterfield are open. Call 664-7432 for exact hours.

**Norfolk “Swims!”** Summer swim class registration was held on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> at Northside Pool. One hundred people were waiting in line to register when the doors opened at 7:30 a.m. to begin the process.

**NLS Is Going To The Olympics!** NLS Recreation Specialist Dan Campbell has been selected to be the Training Camp Coach for the 2004 Junior Olympic Boxing Team! Congratulations Dan!

**Rebar Removal at Sarah Constant Beach.** There is a problem with "rebar" (metal poles) imbedded in the shoreline at Sarah Constant Beach. The “rebar” sits up about 3 to 4 inches out of the sand so it is only visible at low tide. Lifeguards are digging out the rebar from the shoreline of a section at Sarah Constant beach. One lifeguard is doing this during low tide when the beach is not too busy. Parks and Urban Forestry Division staff is helping with the clean up. Patrons have been alerted to the situation through placement of “guarded beach” signs and speaking to swimmers in the work area. Staff from NLS, Facility & Enterprise Management and Public Works are working together to develop a more permanent solution.

## **RECREATION CENTER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Berkley Recreation Center Track Team is looking good! Members of the track team participated in the annual Hershey’s Track and Field Events at Booker T. Washington High School.
- Six seniors from the Southside Senior Center are working on a quilt to be displayed this fall at the Hampton University Museum.
- Henley’s Strawberry Farm in Pungo hosted 18 seniors and two staff members who had lunch and picked over 202 pounds of strawberries!

### **Fairlawn Recreation Center**

- Sentara Village Nursing Home held its annual *Spring Dance* with attendees from all five Norfolk and Virginia Beach hospitals. The evening featured dinner, escorts and dancing to a live band for over 200 partygoers.
- A splendid Memorial Day Program prompted over 70 participants to share what the day really means to them. The event also featured poems, word search and memory games.

## **PARKS & URBAN FORESTRY**

**Preparation of Downtown Welcomes Summer.** The beautiful weather during the long Memorial Day weekend provided an opportunity for heavy use of our parks. Crews picked-up more trash than normal during this busy holiday.

The Afr'am Festival at Town Point Park was a success. Several thousand people enjoyed music, food, and art of African origins.

On May 20th, ten Norfolk Master Gardeners contributed forty-eight (48) volunteer hours assisting City crews in planting 3,000 plants at Stone Park. This annual planting partnership was well received by all.

### **Highlights of NLS Capital Projects**

#### **Parks & Forestry Restroom Facility**

Cost: \$200,000 from FY'03 \$87,000 from FY'04  
Timeline: Start: November, '03 Projected Completion Date: late-June, '04

#### **Barraud Park Restroom**

Cost \$193,800 from FY'02/'03 \$40,000 from FY'04  
Timeline: Start: March 22, 2004 Projected Completion Date: mid-Aug. '04

#### **Merrimack Landing Gymnasium Lighting**

Cost: \$2,000 from FY'04  
Timeline: Start date: March, '04 Projected Completion Date: April, '04

#### **Poplar Halls Walking Trail**

Cost: \$75,000 from FY'04  
Timeline: Projected Start Date: July, '04 Projected Completion Date: Sept., '04

#### **Lake Taylor Soccer Field Renovations**

Cost: \$124,000 from FY'03 \$200,000 from FY'04  
Timeline: Projected Start Date: July, '04 (Phase 1) Projected Completion Date: Oct., '04

#### **Captain's Quarters Nature Center**

Cost: \$20,000 from FY'04  
Timeline: Projected Start Date: Jan, '04 (fencing) Projected Completion Date: Sept., '04

#### **Crossroads Recreation Center**

Cost: \$55,000 from FY'04  
Timeline: Projected Start Date: Sept., '04 Projected Completion Date: Nov., '04

## **NORFOLK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Plans underway for expansion.** The Friends of Norfolk's Environment, Inc., with support from City staff, is developing plans for a building addition to the Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center. The initial plans call for a 5,000 square foot addition that will provide more space to increase and enhance environmental education, community partnerships, and demonstrate green building stewardship. A request for proposals to identify a qualified architect is being released this week for the project's design.

The Friends of Norfolk's Environment, a non-profit support organization for the Norfolk Environmental Commission's (NEC) programs, is spearheading the fundraising effort for this project. It is my understanding that NEC will request future City funding to match private donations and grants.

**864 Volunteers Help Clean Norfolk's Shorelines.** On Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, volunteers from Norfolk's neighborhoods, business and military communities joined forces to collect 49,447 pounds of litter and debris from over 22 miles of Norfolk's shorelines and inland waterways. A significant amount of the tonnage collected came from timbers and debris leftover from Hurricane Isabel. Neighborhoods that put significant effort into making this event a success included: Villa Heights, Bay View, and Willoughby. There were many organizations from throughout Norfolk that also participated in this event including: Boy and Girl Scouts, Jaycees, Audubon Society, NATO, local churches, as well as the Virginia Port Authority, Nauticus, ODU and TCC. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation reported that regionally, over 3,500 volunteers participated in the cleanup that resulted in the collection of 145,000 pounds of litter and debris.

## **POLICE**

### **Norfolk Police Department Citizens Academy Course Schedule Fall Session**

August 19 to November 4, 2004

Week	Date	Class
1	8/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Class Orientation</li><li>• Laws of Arrest/Search &amp; Seizure</li></ul>
2	8/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patrol Techniques/Tour of Precinct</li><li>• Animal Control</li></ul>
3	9/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Virginia Marine Patrol</li><li>• Domestic Violence</li></ul>
4	9/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traffic Court Procedures</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Criminal Court Procedures</li></ul>
5	9/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jail Visit</li></ul>
6	9/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Narcotics &amp; Drug Identification</li><li>• Internal Affairs</li></ul>
7	9/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forensics and Crime Scenes</li></ul>
8	10/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• K-9 Demo and Bomb Dogs</li><li>• Officer Survival</li></ul>
9	10/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Radio Room</li><li>• Homicide Investigations</li></ul>
10	10/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hazmat/Environmental Crimes</li><li>• Gangs</li></ul>
11	10/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crime Prevention</li><li>• Juvenile Issues/Courts</li><li>• Magistrate Duties</li></ul>
12	11/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduation</li></ul>

## PROJECT UPDATES

### Lamberts Point Golf Course

- \$2 million in fill and topsoil has been deposited on the landfill property.
- Drainage lines have been installed.
- Mid-American Golf is the construction firm on site and indicates the course will be completed in the fall.
- Stumpy Lake Golf Course, Inc. is on site to oversee the construction process and give advice on how it is proceeding.
- Shaping of the fairways, tee boxes, green foundations and bunkers on the north parcel of this site is well underway.
- The turf will be here by September.
- The construction of the parking lot, water and sewer lines, are being coordinated with the high school stadium project.

**Ocean View Storm Water Outfalls.** The design plans to extend storm water outfalls along Ocean View (15th View, Beaumont Avenue, Grove Avenue, 1st Bay, and 27th Bay Streets) are nearing completion. The extension of the storm water outfalls are necessary to prevent the pipes from becoming plugged with sand. The concept that staff is developing will extend the pipes with pile-bents that are placed into deep water. The completion of the entire project is scheduled for April 2005.

**Housing Construction in Campostella Heights.** The delay in the development of the Gideon site for residential development in Campostella Heights as a result of the contaminated soil issues was discussed with residents of the Campostella Heights Civic League at their monthly meeting in May. Residents, at that meeting were told no timetable was available for when development could begin on the site.

**Booking area renovations.** The booking area of the jail is under renovation. Security work is now nearly complete, but was delayed when ceiling materials were destroyed when the warehouse in which they were stored by the contactor burned.

**Freemason Street Garage – formerly known as Boush Street Garage.** We have experienced some delays due to the need for utility companies to remove their lines within the building site and some old foundations but all is moving forward. The garage will have 617 new parking spaces and will be open in approximately 14 months.

**Police Operations Center Interview Rooms.** This is a small project that counts on specialty equipment. The equipment is on order and we are getting time schedules as to when they may arrive so we can then get into the detailed work of renovation. This will bring rooms up to standards of the Commonwealth for such police facilities.

**Public Health Center Fuel Tank.** All work has been done and we are just waiting on delivery of the tank. It should be here within a couple of weeks and we should then wrap up shortly thereafter. This will allow us to save money during heating season.

**Selden Arcade.** Work should be completed the end of November. Phase One is demolition and shell improvements to the interior spaces. Phase Two is mechanical, electrical and roofing work. Powell Management is overseeing all work. Discussions are ongoing with d'ART on terms of a lease.

**Martin Luther King Monument.** New lights have been installed and work is being completed on the pumps for the fountains of this monument to Dr. King on Brambleton Avenue and Church Street.

**Elmwood Cemetery Gate.** Repairs were done after an auto accident damaged the historic cemetery's gates. The insurer for the driver has paid for the repairs.

**Chrysler Museum Façade and roof.** Public Works and the museum are discussing repairs to the pointing of the building. This would be a multi-year renovation project. Work is underway to replace the museum's roof.

**Jail Shower Renovations.** This is an ongoing program to renovate the showers in the old jail building. Discussions continue as to the best approach. Options are an epoxy finish that other jails are using but that requires special housekeeping requirements or stainless steel liners.

**Young Terrace Recreation Center wall.** We are pricing repairs to the wall, damaged when a vehicle ran into it.

**Court Study.** The steering committee meets in June on the recommendations on sizing and on site analysis for the proposed new jailhouse. Design funds were included in the FY-05 budget.

**Taylor Whittle House.** This historic home needs significant work. The Junior League is housed there and we are working with them on a long-term lease whereby they would fund much of the work effort.

**City Hall Renovations.** Primary focus is on the council chambers and hallway as well as the Mayor's office. A meeting with the architect to get information and make some decisions is being planned. Once that is accomplished then we will turn to Human Resources and the 5<sup>th</sup> floor the other two long-standing renovation projects.

**Circuit Court Access Control System.** Work includes expanding the security system.

**LaFayette Boulevard Road Improvements near Completion.** The Department of Utilities anticipates completion of the LaFayette Boulevard Road Improvement project by June 30<sup>th</sup>. LaFayette Boulevard is currently being repaved following a major capital improvement project undertaken by the Department of Utilities. Utilities installed new water and sewer lines along Lafayette Boulevard from Chesapeake Boulevard to Somme Avenue. The total cost of the project was \$2.6 million.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Swan Recognized by Virginia Academy of Science** - Norma Swan, an Engineer Technician II in the Division of Street and Bridges, recently received recognition for writing "*The Best Student Paper Presented*" along with three classmates in the "Geospatial Field Techniques" class at Old Dominion University. Norma is a geography major at ODU. The paper was presented to the Virginia Academy of Science at Virginia Commonwealth University on May 27. Each year the Virginia Academy of Science holds a conference in which scientific papers are presented. The academy includes students and professors. Norma deserves Kudos for her exceptional work on this paper.



## UTILITIES

**Department of Utilities to Distribute Annual Water Quality Report.** Norfolk is required by federal law to test its drinking water throughout the year and send an annual report on the test results to our customers. All Norfolk's water customers, beginning the first week in July, will receive the "Water Quality Report 2004." The water quality report is a brochure that is mailed directly to each business and residence in Norfolk. It provides test results on Norfolk's drinking water from January 2003 through December 2003. This is the sixth annual report on the quality and safety of the drinking water produced by the City of Norfolk.

Copies of "Water Quality Report 2004" will also be available at all branches of the Norfolk Public Library, the information desk in City Hall, and the Department of Utilities Customer Service office. Additionally, the report will be posted on the city's website. This year's report will again state that Norfolk's drinking water has met or exceeded all federal water quality standards.

**Water-Saving Device #89--Your Ears.** Listen for dripping faucets and toilets that flush themselves. Fixing a leak can save 500 gallons of water each month. For more water-saving tips, go to [www.hrwet.org](http://www.hrwet.org).

## FYI

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### LANDSCAPERS: DON'T PUT ANYTHING IN STORM DRAINS

Norfolk city code makes dumping, blowing, or washing anything into a storm drain or ditch a crime. That includes grass clippings and leaves. Grass clippings and leaves not only blocks drainage and cause streets to flood but they also pollute the waterways.

In Norfolk, it is a Class One Misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$2,500 fine and one year in jail. The same penalty applies to pouring, motor oil and other hazardous waste into storm drains.

### *STORM WATER POLLUTION SOLUTIONS*

#### **Lawn Care:**

- Before applying fertilizers and pesticides, make sure it is needed. Excessive fertilizers and pesticides wash off and pollute waterways.
- Compost yard waste. Don't sweep it into the street or storm drain.

- Do not over water your lawn.
- Plant vegetation in bare dirt spots in your yard. Sediments can also pollute waterways.

### **Pet Waste:**

- When walking your pet, pick up the waste and dispose of it properly in a trashcan. Pet waste is a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in waterways.
- Bacteria and nutrients can wash into storm drains and into local waterways.

### **Car Care:**

- Do not wash your car on the driveway. Road grime, dirt and detergents can wash into the storm drains and contaminate waterways.
- Use a commercial car wash that recycles wastewater, or
- Wash your car in the yard and put back on the driveway as soon as you're done. The grass will filter out the pollutants.
- When changing automobile fluids, do not pour in storm drains. Dispose of at a SPSA Household Hazardous Waste Center or at most auto parts stores.
- Repair all leaks.

## **HOW DO STREETS GET NAMED**

Have you ever wondered how streets are named? The short answer is developers name them, with help from the City, of course.

The process starts when a developer purchases land. The land is usually divided into one or more subdivisions with a network of streets. The streets need to be certain widths to accommodate traffic, utility lines, etc. Plans for the subdivision are submitted to the Department of Public Works' Surveys Division, the "Gatekeeper" of names in the City, which reviews the proposed names. The criteria for the street names are they must not be duplicated elsewhere in the City and they must be appropriate and non-offensive to the general public. The names and the subdivision are then submitted to the City Planning Commission to be approved.

Some street and neighborhood names are historical, going back to the early 1600s when they were dirt paths and Norfolk was farmland. In most instances, a developer bought a farm, then named one of the streets or a section after the owner, such as Sewell's Point. Sewell's Farm was located where the Navy Base is today. Willoughby



was named after the largest landowner in Norfolk's history, and Talbot Park was formerly owned by the Talbot family.

In other instances, the town voted on the name. Boush Street is named after Norfolk's first mayor in the 1680s. Tazewell Street is named after a former governor of Virginia. Omohundro Avenue was named after the Omohundro family, and Church Street was originally known as "the street that leadeth into the woods" and later as "the street that leadeth out of town. It was renamed Church Street when St. Paul's Episcopal Church was built along it in 1739.

How a road becomes a drive, street, avenue, lane or court is unknown

## **THINGS TO SEE AND DO**

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### **Norfolk 4-H Junior Summer Camp July 19-23, 2004**

4-H is the youth development education program of Virginia Cooperative Extension. Four-H is committed to assisting youth, and those adults working with them, in acquiring the knowledge, life skills, and attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, contributing and productive members of society. The central theme of 4-H education is "learn by doing".

4-H summer camp is cooperative living in a natural environment which focuses on the child's social, spiritual, mental and physical development. The Airfield 4-H Educational Center is located in Wakefield, about one hour and fifteen minutes from Norfolk. The site consists of 220 acres of wooded land that is surrounded by a pond. The trees, nature trails, wildlife and the pond are used as outdoor classrooms for the campers. One of the most popular spots at camp is the swimming pool. Certified lifeguards supervise pool activities. Living quarters include four lodges which house 208 people. Each room contains bunk beds, carpeting, bathroom with shower and air conditioning. Each lodge contains handicapped accessible rooms.

The campers are supervised by the Extension Agent and trained adult and teen volunteers. The classes are taught by volunteers and college students. Each child is assigned a counselor who shares a room and meals with the child and is available for support.

Norfolk camp will be held July 19-July 23, 2004. Boys and girls 9 to 13 years old are eligible to attend camp. The fee is \$180. All balances are due by June 20. Installment payments are accepted. Fee includes transportation to the 4-H Center and return, three nutritious meals a day that are served family style, four nights lodging and a camp t-shirt. The bus leaves from the Harrison Opera House rear parking lot (corner of Granby Street and Va Beach Blvd) on Monday, July 19, at 9:00 a.m. and returns to the Harrison Opera House on Friday, July 23, at 12:00 p.m.

An exciting week has been planned for the campers. This is a wonderful opportunity for city kids to have fun in the woods!! For more information and registration form, please call 683-2816.

## **BOTANICAL GARDEN**

### **First-Of-A Kind Treehouse Exhibition Opens at Norfolk Botanical Garden.**

*TREEmendous TREEhouses showcase 11 designs that go above and beyond*

TREEmendous TREEhouses, endorsed by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) of Hampton Roads, features 11 ultra-cool treehouse structures built within the 155-acre garden. The multi-dimensional structures appeal to an audience of all ages.

And, to celebrate the kick-off of this one-of-a-kind exhibition, Norfolk Botanical Garden has planned a day full of treemendous activities that will be a treat for the whole family.

TREEmendous TREEhouses will be on view at Norfolk Botanical Garden from June 20 – October 3. Free shuttle tours of the exhibition are offered every half hour and are included with general admission.

Renowned for its exceptional scenery and educational programs, Norfolk Botanical Garden is considered a premiere example of horticulture. The Garden dates back to 1938 when the Works Progress Administration sponsored 200 African-American women to clear the dense, native vegetation and plant 4,000 azaleas. Today, the Garden represents 155-acres of colorful landscapes, unusual flowers, mature forests and seasonal plantings and features one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, roses and rhododendrons on the East Coast. Open 365-days a year, the Garden is one of the only botanical gardens offering tours by foot, boat or tram.

### **Pedal Through the Petals**

#### **Summer Bike Nights at Norfolk Botanical Garden**

**June – September**

Enjoy the stunning scenery of the Garden while you exercise this summer. Bring your bike on the following days and times from June to September:

**Sundays 1 – 8 p.m.**

**Mondays 1 – 8 p.m.**

**Wednesdays 4 – 8 p.m.**

**Thursdays 4 – 8 p.m.**

Whether you choose to tour the Garden by foot, tram, boat **or bike**, with 12 miles of pedestrian paths to explore and over 20 theme gardens, this summer experience at the Garden should not be missed.

***All riders must wear helmets. Skates, scooters and skateboards are not permitted.***

***Norfolk Botanical Garden is located at 6700 Azalea Garden Road, Exit 279 from I-64. Garden hours are 9 am-7 pm daily. Admission is \$6/adults, \$5/seniors, \$4/children (6-16), and children under 5 free. Boat tours are \$3 (Children under 5 free). For more information, contact Norfolk Botanical Garden at (757) 441-5830.***

## **CHESAPEAKE BAY ART ASSOCIATION**

The Chesapeake Bay Art Association will hold its 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Outdoor Art Show on Saturday August 21 and Sunday August 22. The show will be open both days from 10 am to 5 pm at Ocean View Beach Park. Parking is free. There will be food, entertainment and activities for kids.

The non-profit association was established in 1961. The Chesapeake Bay Art Association gives scholarships every year to area art students. For more information about the show, contact Greg Fortner at 757-588-0758 or by email at [nature1foto2@aol.com](mailto:nature1foto2@aol.com).

## **CHRYSLER HALL**

**Broadway at Chrysler Hall presents CATS from August 3 to August 8.** Performances will be at 8 pm Tuesday through Friday, 2 pm and 8 pm on Saturday and 2 pm and 7:30 pm on Sunday.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by calling Ticket Master at 757-671-8100. Tickets may also be purchased at the Scope Box Office.

## **CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART**

### **SENIORS ART FORUM**

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*The Seniors Art Forum is a senior citizens group that meets on the first Saturday of every month at 2 p.m. for a tour, discussion, and light refreshments. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call Kristi McMillan at (757) 333-6268 for group reservations.*

### **The Fine Art of Wine and Jazz**

With the Chrysler voted by the readers of *Port Folio Weekly* as a great place to experience live music, *The Art of Jazz* is an ongoing happening each Wednesday evening until 8:45 p.m., featuring some of the best of the region's jazz artists. This spring, in addition to *The Art of Jazz* the Chrysler will host *The Fine Art of Wine* – an informal wine

tasting on the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 6 p.m. Farm Fresh will generously provide the wine, wine education, and light fare for visitors; the Museum will provide the great jazz, the magnificent art, and the beautiful setting. The fabulous performers scheduled for May and June are listed below. For more information on monthly tastings, please call (757) 333-6279.

## **MACARTHUR CENTER, CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART CELEBRATE “THE ART OF SHOPPING”**

**Q:** What do you get when you combine a world-class art museum with a major regional shopping center?

**A:** The Art of Shopping — and picture-perfect family fun.

Set for a July 16 kickoff, The Art of Shopping is an innovative adventure featuring interactive learning, a creative arts competition, three mini art museums and prizes — plus a colossal, three-day mall-wide sidewalk sale and a two-part scavenger hunt throughout MacArthur Center and the Chrysler Museum of Art.

“When you think about it, MacArthur Center and the Chrysler Museum of Art are natural partners,” observes William Hennessey, director of the Chrysler. “We both offer families a great place to be together and a chance to look at wonderful things in a handsome setting. The Museum is proud to be working with MacArthur Center. We look forward to the Art of Shopping as the latest in a continuing series of partnerships.”

The Art of Shopping brings the following activities, all free, to Hampton Roads:

■ **An Artful Scavenger Hunt.** The first phase — one day only on Saturday, July 17, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — begins with a stop at MacArthur Center’s Customer Service Center where participants pick up a picture and description of an artwork from the Chrysler’s permanent collection. A related clue on the artwork will lead them to a specific retailer at the shopping center. Each store on the hunt will distribute a new picture, description and clue. When participants reach the final MacArthur Center destination, they return to the Customer Service Center for a free one-day pass to the Chrysler Museum of Art.

The second part of the competition runs from July 17 through July 31 at the Chrysler where participants pick up a booklet sending them to the Museum to search for specific artworks and for fun and engaging activities.

Completed, correct entries turned in by July 31 will be eligible to win “The Art of Shopping” basket filled with gifts and gift certificates from the Museum and MacArthur Center retailers. The drawing will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

“The hunt is open to anyone, but I suspect it will prove particularly popular for families with school-age children,” observes Karen Winters, MacArthur Center marketing director. “Entrants may work solo or in groups.”

■ **Pepsi Art Competition.** Budding young Rembrandts and Rodins can create their own artworks July 17, noon to 5 p.m., in a temporary artists’ studio/gallery at MacArthur Center. All entries will be showcased for a judging July 18 at 4 p.m. The top six artists — one winner per age division (5 to 8 years old, 9 to 12 years old and 13 to 17 years old) in each category (drawing and sculpture) — will win Microsoft Xboxes provided by Pepsi. The Museum will provide all art supplies, and the top winners will see their artworks showcased for the weekend in MacArthur Center.

■ **Mini Museums.** The Chrysler will create three mini museums at MacArthur Center in the first floor Grand Court Lobby Lounge, the Food Court alcove on the third floor and near the Nordstrom Espresso Bar on the first floor to display poster-sized prints of museum works July 16 through July 18. Docents and Museum volunteers in each area will answer questions about the displayed art and the museum from Noon-5pm on Friday and Saturday and Noon-4pm on Sunday.

## COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

The City of Norfolk, through the Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities, supports a number of our community’s cultural programs and organizations.

Events in June and July include:

### CONTINUING

*America’s First Old Master: Portraits by John Singleton Copley from the Museum of Fine Arts of Boston* continues through August 15<sup>th</sup>. Location: Chrysler Museum of Art. 664-6200\*

*Silver Images: The Photography Collection at 25* continues through August 15<sup>th</sup>. Location: Chrysler Museum of Art. 664-6200\*

*The Quilts of Gee’s Bend* continues through January 2nd, 2005. Location: Chrysler Museum of Art. 664-6200\*

**Great American Family Dog Photo Contest.** Amateur photographers are invited to submit up to three prints, with ten finalists displayed beginning July 31; prizewinners to be announced August 7th. Deadline for entry is July 16. *Location: d'ART Center. 625-4211*

## **JULY**

**3 (Sat.) – 7:30 pm 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.** Tidewater Winds, the professional concert band in the Sousa Band tradition, celebrates two decades of its annual summer concert series. *Location: Harrison Opera House. 480-0953*

**9 (Fri.) – 6-8 pm Outside Art: Not Only Your Garden Variety.** Opening reception for exhibition continuing through August 29<sup>th</sup>. *Location: d'ART Center. 625-4211\**

**9 (Fri.) -- New Plays for the Dog Days of Summer.** Annual theater festival continues through August 8th, details listed below. *Location: Generic Theater. 441-2160\**

**11 (Sun.) – 7:30 pm Tour the World with the Winds.** Tidewater Winds, the professional concert band in the Sousa Band tradition, presents its 20<sup>th</sup> annual summer concert series. *Location: Harrison Opera House. 480-0953*

**17 (Sat.) – 7 pm To Have and to Hold.** Opening reception for installation and mixed media exhibition by K. Johnson Bowles and Marcella Stasa using storytelling, revelation and inspiration to explain how meaning is attached to commonplace objects. The show continues through August 22<sup>nd</sup>. *Location: University Gallery, ODU. 683-2355*

**18 (Sun.) – 7:30 pm TV, Movie, and Broadway Extravaganza.** Tidewater Winds, the professional concert band in the Sousa Band tradition, presents its 20<sup>th</sup> annual summer concert series. *Location: Harrison Opera House. 480-0953*

**23 (Fri.) – 7 pm Grease.** Hurrah Players presents musical production through July 25<sup>th</sup>. *Location: Roper Performing Arts Center, TCC. 627-5437\**

**25 (Sun.) – 7:30 pm 2004 Grand Finale.** Tidewater Winds, the professional concert band in the Sousa Band tradition, closes its 20<sup>th</sup> annual summer concert series. *Location: Harrison Opera House. 480-0953*

## **AUGUST**

**7 (Sat.) - 7-9 pm Summer Sing.** Schola Cantorum hosts 3rd annual summer-sing, featuring Mozart's *Requiem*. Singers of all levels of experience are invited to participate--



no rehearsals--directed by Dr. Lee Teply. *Location: Chandler Performing Arts Hall, ODU. 683-4065\**

\*admission or fee is charged for these events

Call listed numbers for more information; schedules are subject to change.

\*admission or fee is charged for these events

## **D'ART CENTER**

**JULY 3 -- *Try Your Hand!*** Work with artist Mary Anne Gamboa as she demonstrates the technique of mosaics, using bits of colored glass & stone, from 1 to 3 pm.

**JULY 9-AUG 29 -- *Outside Art: Not Only Your Garden Variety*** A summer invitational exhibit showcasing the art of 45 regional artists in an array of media, approaches and styles, ranging from naturalistic to fantastic and beyond. **Opening Reception, Friday July 9, 6-8 pm**, with light refreshments and music by Jim Newsom.

**JULY 10 --** Join artist Lori Shea as she demonstrates Mosaics from 1 to 3 pm.

**JULY 10-11 -- 2-DAY GARDEN MOSAIC TILES WORKSHOP** Saturday, 10-2 & Sunday, 1:30-4:30 Just like the Byzantine masters, using bits of colored glass, tile and stone, students will learn the ages old process of mosaic art. All aspects of the process will be explored including design, selection of materials, application, assemblage and completion. Students will provide their own forms to embellish. Call d'ART for materials list. Tuition: \$44

### **JULY 19-23 -- d'ART Day Camp**

Space is still available in ART'S COOL: July 19-23 for ages 8-11. Children ages 6-14 will enjoy five creative & fun-filled days in an atmosphere where fine art is made. They will experience drawing, painting, clay, mixed media & more. Each week ends with an Art Show on Friday afternoon. Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm. Sign up now!

**Admission to the d'ART Center is free and open to the public.** For more information about these or any other events at d'ART Center, please call 625-4211, e-mail [d\\_artcenter@yahoo.com](mailto:d_artcenter@yahoo.com) or visit [www.d-artcenter.org](http://www.d-artcenter.org).

### **The d'ART Center Announces The Great American Family Dog Photo Contest.**

Send us your best shots of your family dog or dogs, either with humans or without, action or posed. The composition is entirely up to you so be creative...

**Entry fee: \$1 per photo — Entry deadline: July 16**

Contest entrants may submit up to three 3x5 or 4x6 prints with negatives. Photographs can be in color or black & white. Photographs must also include your name, telephone number and pet's name(s). Please write your name on the back of each photo. Include a self-addressed stamped enveloped if you want your photos returned. Originals must be available for publication and reproduction. Ten finalists will be displayed at d'ART Center starting July 31. ***Amateur photographers only!*** Three prize winners will be announced **August 7**.

**First Prize:** Charcoal sketch of Pet by d'ART Center artist

**Second Prize:** Groomingdales Gift Certificate

**Third Prize:** Personalized dog collar by d'ART Center artist

*All finalists will receive enlarged reproduction of the selected photo.*

The d'ART CENTER is a regional, private, non-profit, visual art facility featuring 40 resident visual artists creating, displaying and selling original fine art. Funds raised through our events support the center's mission of connecting the public with the visual arts process.

Admission to the d'ART Center is free and open to the public. For more information about these or any other events at d'ART Center, please call 757-625-4211, e-mail

[d\\_artcenter@yahoo.com](mailto:d_artcenter@yahoo.com), or visit [www.d-artcenter.org](http://www.d-artcenter.org).

## DESIGN CENTER

**Norfolk Design Center Releases Summer Lecture Series Schedule.** The Neighborhood Design and Resource Center, in conjunction with the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, has released its summer lecture series schedule. The lecture series will focus on various aspects of housing, preservation, design, remodeling and renovation in Norfolk. Topics by month are as follows:

Lecture Series Topic	Guest Speaker(s)	Date and Time of Event
Interior Lighting	Steve Wright of Hanbury, Evans, Wright and Vlattas	Thursday, July 15 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
Historic Tax Credits and Other Renovation Tax Incentives	Bill Haynie of Clark-Nexsen	Thursday, Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

The lecture series is free and open to the public. All events will be held at the Neighborhood Design and Resource Center located at 111 Granby Street.

## **FESTEVENTS**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

#### **The Norfolk Jazz Festival Returns to Town Point Park on July 16 & 17**

Friday, July 16; 5 - 11 pm

Saturday, July 17; 3 - 11 pm

Town Point Park ~ Downtown Norfolk, Virginia Waterfront

\$20 Friday All Day Ticket

\$25 Saturday All Day Ticket

Special \$34 Weekend Friday and Saturday Pass

Available Only by Advance Purchase

In its 22 year history, the Norfolk Jazz Festival has presented such great jazz legends as Dizzy Gillespie, Buddy Rich, Doc Severinsen, Roy Ayers, Betty Carter, Stanley Jordan, Branford Marsales, Earl Klugh, Bob James and dozens more.

This year's festival schedule hosts 6 of the most popular jazz and rhythm and blues musicians on national tour this year including Boney James, Keiko Matsui, Chuck Mangione, Kim Waters, Angela Bofill, and Pieces of a Dream. Local and regional favorites including The Good Life and Tyrone Marquis Smith will open the festival each day.

After 6 consecutive years of adverse weather conditions that either delayed or cancelled the Town Point Park Jazz Festival, Festevents organizers were forced to reduce the size and scale of the event due to the lack of returning sponsors. In the past several years, Festevents has attempted several avenues to maintain a variety of jazz formats in its annual schedule including several indoor venues, however, attendance at these shows produced minimal attendance.

Mounting requests from the public to return the event to its original outdoor setting has received such overwhelming support that Norfolk City Councilman Anthony Burfoot approached Norfolk Festevents to consider returning the event to Town Point Park. A partnership was recently approved between the City of Norfolk and Norfolk Festevents to return the festival to Town Point Park with a reasonable admission fee and special advance purchase discounts.

"Norfolk is on the cutting edge of becoming a City, not just rich in diversity of people, who work, live, play and celebrates life daily," Norfolk Councilman Burfoot

states. He continues, "We are also abundantly rich in culture and the entertainment scene."

Norfolk Festevents' Executive Director Karen Scherberger states local and regional jazz fans for outdoor shows are among the most loyal musical fans in town. "I've seen more than 6,000 people standing in pouring down rain for hours to hear Roy Ayers, Ramsey Lewis, and others," Scherberger stated. "One year, the police even forced us to shut down the show because the city was preparing to close the flood gates, but we still had artists willing to play and fans prepared to sit out the storm!" "Unfortunately," Scherberger explains, "at that time, we were not charging admission fees- we had the people even in the bad weather- but we did not have the income from ticket sales that would have saved the shows financially."

Scherberger reports that reactions to the admission prices to this year's show have been extremely positive. Festevents and Councilman Burfoot have received comments from locals and out of town visitors that the ticket price for the Norfolk show offers real value for the price.

Once word hit the street that the outdoor show is returning, Festevents immediately received a call from the Richmond, Virginia Jazz radio station interested in partnership and to bring groups to the Norfolk event.

Councilman Burfoot has been coordinating with Scherberger since the summer of 2003 researching other national jazz festivals including the Capital Jazz Festival in Washington, D. C., the Newport Jazz Festival, the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and others to determine the appropriate talent and admission fees that would be reasonable for the Hampton Roads Market.

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, July 16

5:00 - 6:00 pm	Tyrone Marquis Smith
6:30-8:00 pm	Pieces of a Dream
9:00-10:30 pm	Boney James

### Saturday, July 17

3:00 - 4:00 pm	The Good Life
4:30-5:30 pm	Angela Bofill
6:00-7:00 pm	Kim Waters
7:30-9:00 pm	Chuck Mangione
9:30-11:00 pm	Keiko Matsui

**Admission Information.** Admission is \$20 on Friday for an all day ticket, \$25 on Saturday for an all day ticket or save \$11 with a Special \$34 Weekend Pass available only in advance. Children 12 and younger are admitted free. Town Point Park is a

general admission outdoor venue with lawn seating available. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcomed, but shade umbrellas, tents or other items that will obstruct the audience view will be restricted during the stage performances.

Cameras, video cameras and other recording devices are not permitted during any of the concerts.

For more information, call Norfolk Festevents at (757) 441-2345 or visit [www.festeventsva.org](http://www.festeventsva.org)

**Rain Site.** In the event of inclement weather conditions, Norfolk Scope will be the rain site. Information will be available on the day of each show if any shows are relocated to Scope. Tickets will be honored at both locations.

**Dr. Seuss turns 100 years old this year!**

**Plans being made for a spectacular birthday party- and everyone's invited!**

Saturday, October 2, 2004, 10 am – 3 pm

Town Point Park, Downtown Norfolk Waterfront, VA

Admission \$2 per person, Infants free

Dr. Seuss turns 100 years old this year, and Norfolk Festevents announced today that it will host Dr. Seuss' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party as part of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual SunCom Virginia Children's Festival on October 2, 2004.

Activities will include a Seuss style parade, Dr. Seuss group book reading, a Cat in the Hat® make and take, great games and contests with prizes, giant Dr. Seuss balloons and much, much more!

The Virginia Children's Festival joins the lineup of 2004 Events and Festivals planned by Norfolk Festevents for Town Point Park in downtown Norfolk on the Elizabeth River. Enclosed is the full schedule of 2004 Events and Festivals.

## **2004 Schedule of Events**

### **Town Point Park**

- **The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual SunCom Great American Picnic, Arena Racing USA  
Firecracker 40 & Fireworks – Sunday, July 4, 2004**
- **The SunCom Norfolk Jazz Festival –  
Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17**

- **SunCom Cinema Under the Stars –**

Each Thursday in August – August 5, August 12, August 19 and August 26

- **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual SunCom Norfolk Seafood Sampler –**

Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19, 2004

- **The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual SunCom Virginia Children's Festival –**

Saturday, October 2, 2004

- **The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual SunCom Town Point Virginia Wine Festival –**

Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19, 2004

### **Ocean View Beach Park**

- **Big Bands on the Bay –**

Each Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day

- **Shore Thing and Independence Day Celebration**

Friday, July 2

- **T.G.O.V. Thank Goodness It's Ocean View Beach Music Concert Series –**

Each Friday in July and August

## **GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR MEMORIAL**

**From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collection.** The MacArthur Memorial will unveil a new exhibit this March. The exhibit, called From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collections, features Asian art and artifacts drawn from the MacArthur Memorial's permanent collection and provides a rare opportunity to view an eclectic collection of never-before-seen artifacts.

Sponsored by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, the exhibition brings together outstanding examples of indigenous art from East Asia and elegantly demonstrates how the MacArthurs played a role in the lives of well known historical figures.

Highlights include an array of Philippine wood sculptures, cloisonné, beautifully painted screens, antique ivory figures, lacquered chests and other objects d'art. In addition, a collection of Kutani, Imari, Celadon and Satsuma porcelain will be featured.

From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collection will run until February 28, 2005.

The MacArthur Memorial is open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday from 11am to 5pm. The museum is closed on New Year's Day,

Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Admission is free. For more information, call 757.441.2965 or visit [macarthurmemorial.org](http://macarthurmemorial.org)

## **HERMITAGE FOUNDATION MUSEUM**

### **Clay Days V On the Grounds of the Hermitage Foundation Museum**

**July 10 – 11, 2004**

**Saturday from 10am until 5pm and Sunday from 11pm until 4pm**

Every other summer, the grounds of the Hermitage Museum are invaded by some of the most talented and nationally known potters from Seagrove, North Carolina. Seagrove is nestled in the heart of rural North Carolina, where pottery has been a tradition for over three hundred years. A select group of these artists will gather near the river's edge to give demonstrations, sell their wares and talk about their work. This year we will enjoy the company of Seagrove potters Mark and Meredith Heywood of *Whynot Pottery* along with Fred Johnston and Carol Gentithes of *Johnston and Gentithes Art Pottery*. Joining them again are Anne Jorgensen of *Raven Pottery* and newcomers Bruce Gholson and Samantha Henneke of *Bulldog Pottery*.

There is no admission fee, but bring cash, check or charge so you can purchase some of this treasured pottery that you will want to pass down from generation to generation. When you need an escape from the summer sun, come inside the museum for a tour (museum admission required) regarding our Clay Collection that comes from Japan, China, Persia, Europe and America.

*There will also be hands on clay activities for children of all ages presented by students of the Hermitage Museum's Visual Arts School.*

*For details please call 757-423-2052 or visit [www.hermitagefoundation.org](http://www.hermitagefoundation.org).*

*The Museum is located at*  
7637 North Shore Road  
Norfolk, VA 23505

## **HURRAH PLAYERS**

Hurrah players will perform "Grease" at The Tidewater Community College Roper Center the weekend of July 30 - August 1st and at the outdoor pavilion at Nauticus August 7th and 8th.

Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$20. Three summer theatre camps, each two weeks long, are also being offered. The first runs from July 5th - July 16th. The second runs from July 19th - 30th and the last one runs from August 2nd - 13th. The price is \$275 a session.

For more info call 627-5437 or visit [www.hurrahplayers.com](http://www.hurrahplayers.com).

## **LIBRARIES**

**Adult Summer Reading Program At The Norfolk Public Library.** Norfolk Public Library has long offered quality reading programs for children and young adults. This year adults will be able to join in the fun as well with Norfolk Public Library's Adult Summer Reading Program. The program, which runs from Monday, June 28 to Saturday, August 28, will afford patrons the opportunity to explore new books and new topics while earning opportunities to win exciting prizes. Upon registering for the program at their local branch of the Norfolk Public Library, patrons will receive a free NPL bookmark and a reading log to keep a record of their reading. For each three books read, each patron will receive an entry into the final Grand Prize Drawing for a free hybrid DVD and VHS player and a runner up prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Barnes & Nobles. Additionally, all participants receive a free NPL-logo clip-on watch simply for entering the program.

As part of the program, local author Dean Burgess will give a lesson on how to read and write historical fiction on Wed. August 25 at Kirn Memorial Library.

For more information about the Adult Summer Reading Program or to obtain your free reading log and bookmark, stop by your local branch of the Norfolk Public Library or call the Reference Desk at Kirn at (757) 664-7337.

**Library Inspires Philosophical Thoughts in Teens with Club- The Socrates Cafe'.** Believing, like Socrates that the "unexamined life is not worth living," St. Leo University philosophy professor Rebecca Hubble is facilitating a philosophy club for kids at Lafayette Branch Library. Many middle school students are flocking to this new exciting program and gaining critical thinking skills that will help them cope in today's world.

The group has pondered many philosophical questions and taken journeys through discussions. Topics discussed have ranged from truth and wisdom to traditions and friendship. The group meets Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. For more information, call Lafayette Branch Library at 441-2842.

**Free Summer Fun for All: Step to the Beat Summer Reading Club.** The school year is quickly coming to a close. Right about now, parents are wondering what they will do with their children this summer. A great place to take kids, and it's absolutely FREE, is your local public library. As a trusted institution, the Norfolk Public Library has long



played an important role in the community. It provides a multitude of services and programs for children popular program is the summer reading club.

In addition to offering free fun, the summer reading has three known benefits:

- It develops life-long reading habits.
- It helps maintain literacy levels.
- It encourages pleasure reading among children.

Research has shown that many children experience learning losses over the summer break when they are not exposed to educational activities. This is known as the "summer slide." John Hopkins Center for Summer Learning conducted a study showing that, "a conservative estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year." This time could have been spent on learning new ideas and skills.

Visits to the library for recreational reading can help children retain what they've learned during the school year. It may stop them from losing ground over the summer break.

*Step to the Beat . . . Read* is the theme for this summer. The Norfolk Public Library has planned nine weeks of reading, great activities, crafts, special performers and LOTS OF FUN. The program will run from June 28 to August 28.

Members of the summer reading club receive a reading passport and can collect weekly stamps for reading. In addition, readers will receive:

- Cool weekly reading incentives.
- Chances to enter weekly drawings.
- For every 20 minutes of reading time in the library, kids receive a sandal cutout to add to the "Wall of Readers."

All programs are FREE and open to the public. More information on the summer reading club is available at your local library.

## **NAUTICUS**

### **Maritime "Maniacs" Wanted For Nauticus' New Kids Club**

*Club members can enjoy exciting science topics, special tours, giveaways, games, and more!*

Are you a kid between the ages of 8 and 12, who wants free giveaways, enjoys special tours of Nauticus, and likes hanging out with other kids who like science? Then Nauticus' new Maritime Mania Club is for you!

Presented in partnership with Radio Disney AM 1650, the Maritime Mania Club will meet the fourth Saturday of each month from February through June from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Each month the Club "Maniacs" will explore exciting themes including the science of roller coasters, buildings, boats, sound, and crocodiles and reptiles. Radio Disney also will be on hand each month with refreshments, games and activities. Plus, "Maniacs" who attend all five sessions will receive a special gift from Radio Disney and Nauticus!

Club benefits include a Maritime Mania Club card, make-n-take activities, free tours of selected Nauticus exhibits and behind-the scenes areas, free activities with Radio Disney, giveaways, and more.

Hurry! Space is limited to only 20 kids and their parents. The club fee for all five sessions is \$40 for nonmembers or \$30 for Nauticus members (fee is for one child and one parent who are expected to participate and assist in all activities).

Call (757) 664-1010 for more information or to register.

**Summer Hours.** Nauticus is now open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

### **Traveling Exhibits**

**Now through September 6, 2004**

***When Crocodiles Ruled.*** Take a trip 60 million years in the past to find out what the world was like after dinosaurs became extinct — a world ruled by 40-foot crocodiles, prehistoric primates, and underwater predators!

### **JOIN OUR TEAM!**

Are you interested in presenting science demonstrations or interpreting hands-on exhibits? If the answer is "yes," then Nauticus has an opportunity for you! Or maybe you just enjoy meeting and interacting with people. If so, then volunteering at Nauticus might be for you. We have positions available weekdays and weekends in the Administration, Aquarium, Gift Shop, Visitor Services, Cruise Support and Education Departments. To learn more about joining the Nauticus team as a volunteer, contact Nancy Sorg at 664-1043 or [nancy.sorg@norfolk.gov](mailto:nancy.sorg@norfolk.gov)

We are interested in adults, college students and high school/home school students who are at least 14 years old.

## **RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **JULY**

#### **Bayview Recreation Center (441-1626)**

Community Cookout, 3:00 p.m., all ages, Friday, July 23

#### **Campostella Recreation Center (441-1974)**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Barbecue, 2:00 pm, ages 5-17, Friday, July 2

#### **Captain's Quarters (441-1715)**

**CAMP WILLOUGHBY OPENS**, through September 3, 2004

Contact the center for all the exciting details!

#### **Crossroads Recreation Center (441-1769)**

Kick Ball Tournament, 9:00 am, ages 8-12, Wednesday, July 14

#### **Fairlawn Recreation Center (441-5670)**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, 12:00 pm, all ages, Friday, July 2

Baseball District Tournament, 6:00 pm, all ages, Tuesday through Monday, July 13-19,

Call the center for the details!

#### **Huntersville Recreation Center (664-7434)**

Pre 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, 12:00 pm, all ages, Friday, July 2

Read Aloud to Someone, 12:00 pm, all ages, Monday, July 5

#### **Ingleside Recreation Center (441-5675)**

Independence Day Cookout, 2:30 pm, ages 5-16, Friday, July 2

Teen Spade Tournament, 3:00 pm, ages 13-17, Friday, July 9

#### **Larchmont Recreation Center (441-5675)**

Nubian Mindz Collection, 1:00 pm, ages 16-18, Monday through Friday, July 5-9

Hugo Owens African-American Art Camp, 11:30 am, ages 5-14, Tuesday, July 20

#### **Merrimack Recreation Center (441-1783)**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, 4:00 pm, all ages, Friday, July 2

#### **Park Place Recreation Center (664-7531)**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, 10:00 am, ages 5-17, Friday, July 2

**Sherwood Recreation Center (441-5824)**

Pre 4<sup>th</sup> of July Cookout, 2:00 pm, all ages, Friday, July 2

Spaghetti Night, 7:00 pm, all ages, Wednesday, July 28, \$3 per plate

**Tarrallton Recreation Center (441-1765)**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, 10:30 am, ages 5-17, Thursday, July 1

Mr. Muscle and Ms. Playground Fashion Show, 5:00 pm, ages 5-17, Thursday, July 8

**Oceanview Senior Center Activities**

**Regular Events:**

Wednesdays

60+ Club Business Meeting 11:00a.m.

Featuring Card games, BINGO, Ballroom Dancing, Hot Meal

Thursdays

Line Dancing Class 11:00a.m.

Tuesdays

Square Dancing 6:30p.m.

Fridays

Square Dancing 10:30a.m.

Mon-Fri

Nutrition Program 10:00a.m.

Staff Assistance is provided each month to permit groups such as civic groups, Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club and Mayors Task Force.

**SCHOONER VIRGINIA PROJECT**

**Downtown Dock Party Schedule for 2004**

Capt. Robert C. Glover III, Executive Director, is pleased to announce that due to public demand the VMHF will be hosting its second season of DOWNTOWN DOCK PARTIES at the Pilot Schooner *Virginia* Shipyard from 5PM – 8PM. Family friendly, free and open to the public, Downtown Dock Parties feature live entertainment, historic re-enactments, food and grog.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to tour the shipyard and see the 122ft. Pilot Schooner *Virginia* under construction! The Shipyard, located in parking lot “D” at Harbor Park in Norfolk’s historic downtown. Dates for the 2004 Downtown Dock Party season:

- July 9 (theme: All American Independence Day)
- August 13 (theme: TBD)
- September 3 (theme: TBD)
- October 1 (theme: TBD)

Capt. Robert C. Glover, III, Executive Director, (757) 627-7400, [execdir@schoonervirginia.org](mailto:execdir@schoonervirginia.org) For further information on volunteering, in-kind donations, sponsorships, or memberships, please call the VMHF office at (757) 627-7400 or visit our webpage at [www.schoonervirginia.org](http://www.schoonervirginia.org).

*Virginia Maritime Heritage Foundation Schooner Virginia Project 5000 World Trade Center Norfolk, VA 23510 [www.schoonervirginia.org](http://www.schoonervirginia.org)*

## **ZOO**

Virginia Zoo, 3500 Granby Street, Norfolk, VA 23504  
(757) 441-2374 [www.virginiazoo.org](http://www.virginiazoo.org)

Admission: Adults: \$6.00; Sr. Citizens: \$5.00; Children (ages 2-11): \$4.00. Under 2 is free. Open daily from 10:00 – 5:00

Zoo members always free.

### **Camp Out at the Zoo! (Ages 6 & up)**

**July 10, 2004**

**6:00 PM - 10:00 AM**

Bring your own tent and sleeping bag for a fun-filled night of camping under the stars at the Virginia Zoo. Prepare for an evening of meeting animals, touring the zoo, and roasting marshmallows! This event is for families with children ages 6 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required.

### **Summer Safari 2004 UPDATE!**

Your child's summer can sizzle with an exciting week of animal-related activities, games and fun. One-on-one animal interactions will drive the desire to explore and experience the world of nature in your Virginia Zoo's Summer Safari Camps.

Included in the camp fees, every camper will receive a Summer Safari T-shirt. Classes will break each day for snacks and drinks provided by us. Full day campers need to bring their own bag lunches. Dress appropriately for outdoor activities, rain or shine.

**Fees:**

***VZS members (price per child):***

Half Day Camps: \$90.00 per week

Full Day Camps: \$160.00 per week

***Non-Members (price per child):***

Half Day Camps: \$115.00 per week

Full Day Camps: \$185.00 per week

**Extended Care\*: \$75.00 per week per child**

**\*Extended Care is for full day campers only.**

**Day Camp Time:**

**Half Day Camps:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Full Day Camps:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Extended Care: Before-care: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM; After-care: 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

**Dates:**

\*Ages as of April 1, 2004. This is a new policy from last year. A copy of your child's birth certificate for proof of age will be required the first day of camp.

**Ages 4 & 5: Half Day Camps\***

June 28 - July 2: Crazy Color Safari

July 12 - July 16: Here, There & Everywhere

July 19 - July 23: Once Upon a Zoo

July 26 - July 30: Hop, Trot & Waddle

July 26 - July 30: Once Upon a Zoo

August 2 - August 6: Crazy Color Safari

August 2 - August 6: Here, There & Everywhere

August 9 - August 13: Here, There & Everywhere

August 9 - August 13: Hop, Trot & Waddle

August 16 - August 20: Once Upon a Zoo

**Ages 6 & 7: Half Day Camps\***

June 21 - June 25: Wildlife Watchers

August 16 - August 20: Wildlife Watchers

**Ages 6 & 7: Full Day Camps\***

June 28 - July 2: Camp Creepy Crawler

July 19 - July 23: From the Ground Up

July 26 - July 30: Creature Comforts

August 9 - August 13: From the Ground Up

**Ages 8 & 9: Half Day Camps\***

August 16 - August 20: Wildlife Watchers

Ages 8 & 9: Full Day Camps\*

July 12 - July 16: From the Ground Up

August 2 - August 6: Going the Distance

Ages 10 & 11: Full Day Camp\*

July 12 - July 16: Going the Distance

Ages 12, 13 & 14: Full Day Camp\*

June 28 - July 2: Conservation Equation

Girl Scout Brownies

(Register through GSCCC 547-4005 ext 283)

June 28 - July 2

**Topics:**

*Hop, Trot and Waddle (Ages 4 & 5)*

What is all of this commotion about motion? Jump in as we discover where animals are going and how they get there.

*Crazy Color Safari (Ages 4 & 5)*

Rainbows of living colors decorate our world. Some colors help hide while others stand out in a crowd. Come explore this colorful world of the animals.

*Here, There and Everywhere (Ages 4 & 5)*

Whether you look under a rock or in the highest tree, animals can be found making their homes in some of the strangest places.

*Once upon a Zoo (Ages 4 & 5)*

Discover incredible animal friends as we travel through beastly tales of fun and fantasy.

*Wildlife Watchers (Ages 6 & 7 and Ages 8 & 9)*

From zookeepers to botanists to research biologists, the fields relating to wildlife abound. Be a part of a world that revolves around nature.

*Camp Creepy Crawler (Ages 6 & 7)*

Spend a week finding out why those "less than cuddly" animals can be the coolest critters of all!

*From the Ground Up (Ages 6 & 7 and Ages 8 & 9)*

Whether beneath the ground or in the tips of the tallest tree, all of life is bound together by the invisible threads of the food web. Join us as we crawl through the web of life and discover the ties that bind.

*Creature Comforts (Ages 6 & 7)*

Do you like to swim when it's really hot? Bundle up when it's really cold? Come find out how each animal is uniquely designed to be comfy and cozy in their homes wherever they may live.

*Going the Distance (Ages 8 & 9 and Ages 10 & 11)*

Where are the animals of old? What are these creatures that are alive today? Come take a walk on the animal timeline as we take the mysteries out of ancestry.

*Conservation Equation (Ages 12, 13, & 14)*

Have you ever wondered how you can make a difference? Join us and start making a difference! We will show you how.

**Zoo Snoozes--Camp Out at the Zoo!**

July 10, 2004

6:00 PM - 10:00 AM

Bring your own tent and sleeping bag for a fun-filled night of camping under the stars at the Virginia Zoo. Prepare for an evening of meeting animals, touring the zoo, and roasting marshmallows! Wake up in the morning to a continental breakfast and some fun animal activities. This event is for families with children ages 6 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult.\*\*

**Cost:**

VZS members: \$30 per person per night

Non-members: \$40 per person per night

\*\* Pre-registration and payment required!!

**Organizational Snoozes**

Available year-round on available Friday and Saturday nights from 6:00 PM to 10:00 AM



Bring your organization out to spend an evening of adventure behind the scenes at your Virginia Zoo! Activities include a live animal presentation, a flashlight tour of the zoo, a behind-the-scenes visit with the animals, wildlife games and crafts. A light breakfast is provided in the morning.

Organizational Snooze programs may be customized to fit the needs of your group. For more details and available dates, call 757-441-2374 ext. 229 or [www.virginiazoo.org](http://www.virginiazoo.org)

**Cost:**

30 maximum/12 minimum paid participants

\$25 per person

Additional Adults \$12.50

**Keeper of the Day Program**

Have you ever wondered what it's like to have the privilege of taking care of the incredible animals at the zoo? Here's your chance to find out! Keepers play one of the most important roles in the zoo...they are researchers, veterinarians, dietitians, trainers, and sanitation engineers, all rolled into one! Come learn what it takes to fill this important and challenging roll and why this career is so highly competitive. You will be preparing diets, cleaning exhibits, learning about our animals, and meeting our keepers. Dress appropriately for the weather and to get dirty! You will be choosing one of our 6 Strings, which include:

**String 1:** Barn, Education animals, and Goat yard

**String 2:** Nocturnals, Primates, and Tsodilo Hills

**String 3:** Elephant and Giraffe

**String 4:** Hoofstock, bison, bongo, red river hogs

**String 5:** Reptiles, eagle, bird of prey

**String 6:** Rhino, zebra, lions, tigers

**Who:** Age 15 and older

**Program Fee:** \$50 per person

\*All proceeds from this program will go to The Virginia Zoo Keeper Fund, which will be used for behavioral enrichment items for our animals and further training for our animal keeper staff.

Please e-mail us at [education@virginiazoo.org](mailto:education@virginiazoo.org) for more information.



## ENHANCED CURBSIDE RECYCLING FACT SHEET

- Beginning the week of July 26, the City of Norfolk and the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) will implement the second phase of the new automated curbside recycling service that will provide a larger, 95-gallon rolling container with a lid. The new containers will be collected by an automated truck, which will improve efficiency and permit co-mingling of more materials for recycling.
- With the new service, more materials will be accepted, such as cardboard, magazines, boxes, office paper and discarded mail.
- The convenience of the 95-gallon containers has already increased participation in Phase I areas by 20 percent and increased overall amount of waste recycled by 80 percent.
- Implementation of Phase II will include all or parts of the neighborhoods listed below. The other phases will be implemented in January and June 2005.
- All current City of Norfolk waste management customers (approximately 57,000) will eventually receive the new containers and service.
- Households that have not yet received the new containers will continue to use the 18-gallon blue bins under the current schedule.
- The Department of Public Works staff and SPSA developed a phase-in plan that includes contiguous sections of each collection day. Each phase thereafter will target one-fourth of each regular collection schedule day. With this implementation, portions of all four service days and a large diverse area of the city will receive the new service within every phase.
- Information to customers will include an instructional packet with the collection calendar and list of accepted materials attached to each cart on delivery, presentations to civic leagues, the City's website <http://www.norfolk.gov/PublicWorks/RecyclingPhases.asp>, advertisements in the *Virginian-Pilot* and on Channel 48.

- Contacts: Norfolk Environmental Commission, Recycling Coordinator - John Deuel: 441-1347, [john.deuel@norfolk.gov](mailto:john.deuel@norfolk.gov);

Southeastern Public Service Authority, Recycling Division - Ed Hacker: 548-2256, [ehacker@spsa.com](mailto:ehacker@spsa.com).

In Phase II, residents who live in neighborhoods served by the following civic leagues will receive the 95-gallon recycling carts beginning the week of July 12. Automated collection will begin the week of July 26.

- Algonquin Park/North Shore Point Civic League
- Barberton Civic League
- Bayview Civic League
- Brambleton Civic League (*partial*)
- Broad Creek Civic League (*partial*)
- Bromley Civic League
- Bruce's Park Civic League
- Camellia Gardens Civic League (*partial*)
- Camellia Shores Civic League (*partial*)
- Central Brambleton Civic League
- Cottage Line Civic League
- East Lynne/Saratoga Civic League
- East Ocean View
- Gardens Civic League, The
- Glengariff Civic League
- Glenwood Park Civic Club
- Huntersquare Advisory Council
- Larrymore Lawns Civic League
- Lochhaven Civic League
- Meadowbrook Forest/Hunt Club Pt./Meadowbrook Terrace
- Middle Towne Arch Civic League
- North Meadowbrook Civic League
- Old Huntersville Civic League
- Riverfront Civic League
- Riverpoint Civic League
- Spartan Village Civic League
- Stonebridge
- Talbot Park Civic League
- Titustown
- Wards Corner Civic League

- Water's Edge
- West Belvedere